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Mrs. Danuta Waleesa foils Polish police attempts to extract information by giving evasive answers. — Page 12

Eiffel Tower tale

PARIS, April 14 (AP) — President Francois Mitterrand, who Thursday started the official visit of a French head of state to Switzerland since 1910, would be jolted to learn that the French capital's famed 19th century Eiffel Tower should really be called the Koehlin tower.

The daily *Le Matin de Paris* reported Thursday that Zurich-trained engineer Maurice Koehlin submitted to Gustave Eiffel design for a 300-meter high pylon which was thrown back at him as "madness." But it did not stop Count Eiffel some years later from adopting the general idea in building his famous tower. But Count Eiffel was not an ungrateful man — he made Koehlin the head of his building company and the Swiss-German engineer lived happily until the age of 90.

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Iran proposes safe zone around bombed oilfield

KUWAIT, April 14 (AP) — Iran offered Thursday to accept a joint declaration with Iraq delineating a "safe zone" around the bombed Iranian Nowruz oilfield, which has been leaking crude oil into the Gulf since January.

But Iranian Ambassador Ali Shams Ardekani categorically rejected Iraq's insistence on a formal ceasefire, under U.N. supervision, as a precondition for starting de-pollution of the Gulf.

"They should not expect us to agree to a ceasefire except after meeting our three conditions: reparations, withdrawal and apology," Ardekani told a press conference here.

Iran has said that it wants a "cash down-payment" of at least \$50 million as a precondition for any peace talks with Iraq.

The Iranian conditions were rejected in Iraq by President Saddam Hussein, who told an international Islamic Conference in Baghdad the Iranian position was "a proof of intransigence in pursuing aggression and expansion."

The development came as the formal opening of the ministerial conference to combat the slick was postponed for the third time in two days Thursday.

The ministers, along with experts from the eight-state Regional Organization for the Protection of Marine Environment (ROPME) met here last week, when they failed to reach accord on combined action against the oil spill.

The meeting, originally set for Wednesday, has been delayed by side consultations in search of a compromise. Renewed large-scale fighting between Iran and Iraq has meanwhile strengthened a conviction in ROPME circles that the slick may prove as insoluble as the 31-month-old Gulf war itself.

Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Qatar and Oman have been involved in wide precautionary measures to protect dozens of seawater desalination plants, offshore oil wells and oil export terminals against the slick invasion, estimated by conservative accounts at 200,000 barrels of crude oil floating at random throughout the Gulf region.

Kuwaiti Health Minister Dr. Abdul-Rahman Al-Awadi was shuttling between the hotel suites of the Iraqi and Iranian

delegations until the predawn hours Thursday, in a bid to bridge the gap separating them and get the conference under way.

The newspaper *Al-Watan* meanwhile reported that an emergency conference of the GCC countries' foreign ministers has been scheduled for Saturday in Dharan, to examine the slick issue, along with political and military developments in the region.

In Bahrain, officials were awaiting new pictures of the slick by the U.S. space shuttle to identify the exact location and size of the spill.

"Bahrain is not in immediate danger, and it will remain safe at least another 24 hours," said one British pollution expert working for the Bahrain government.

Kuwait acts to end war

KUWAIT, April 14 (R) — Kuwait will contact U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar soon in a fresh move to help end the 30-month-old Gulf war, government sources said Thursday.

The initiative coincides with the latest flare-up in fighting between Iran and Iraq. Kuwait sent an envoy to Washington and Moscow last week in an attempt to mediate an end to the war, which has cost Arab Gulf states billions of dollars.

Previous mediation efforts by the United Nations, the Organization of Islamic Conference and the nonaligned movement failed.

Arab League Secretary-General Chedli Klibi condemned the latest Iranian offensive in the Gulf war in a message to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein on Wednesday.

The message, quoted by the Tunisian news agency TAP, said "Iran's intransigence in pursuing the war, despite Iraq's announcement it was disposed to accept peace, is a threat to Islamic solidarity and weakens the potential of the Arabs who at present need to mobilize all their forces against the Zionist enemy."

Klibi said Iran's "negative attitude" toward peace "threatens the security of Gulf states and endangers the stability of one of the most sensitive regions in the world while favoring the thrust of foreign influences."

On the battlefield, Iraq said Thursday it had defeated Iran's latest offensive, killing more than 9,800 Iranians, but Iran said its forces were still pushing forward.

An Iraqi government minister said the four-day-old Iranian offensive had turned into a psychological and moral defeat for Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini and would have serious repercussions in Iran.

Iran's Parliamentary Speaker Hojjatollah Hashemi Rafsanjani, however, called on Iraq and its supporters to accept Iran's demands for an end to the 30-month-old war. The Iranians reported they captured new strategic heights north of the border town of Fakkeh on Thursday, overrunning Iraqi forward positions after destroying an infantry brigade and a tank battalion.

Two Iraqi helicopters were shot down and air, tank and artillery battles were raging, according to Iranian statements.

Sikhs take oath to die for cause

NEW DELHI, April 14 (AP) — Thousands of bearded, turbaned Sikhs swore a solemn oath Thursday to die if necessary fighting for the cause of the military brotherhood.

The estimated 31,500 volunteers became the vanguard of a 100,000-man "Sikh Army" being raised by the main Sikh political party, the Akali Dal. Its role has not been clearly defined but it is part of the continuing Sikh fight for 43 political and religious concessions sought from Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's central government.

The oath was administered by Akali President Harchand Singh Longowal, who said in a speech before the ceremony that he might not be able to control the "hot-headed" among the group. The warriors took the vow at the Sikh shrine, the Golden Temple in Amritsar, 400 kilometers northwest of here.

The ceremony was held on a Sikh holiday celebrating the conversion of the religious sect into a militant brotherhood in the late 17th century. Longowal said a second group of volunteers would be sworn in April 27, and a third batch on May 12.

Among those who took the oath was extremist Jaswant Singh Bhindranwale, in whose name airplanes have been hijacked, bombs buried and murders committed.

Bhindranwale, standing next to Longowal on the dais, renewed his call for Sikhs to arm themselves and remove the shackles of slavery. He said they should "eliminate" anyone who directed police to enter the Golden Temple or other Sikh shrines.

Indian law forbids police from entering places of worship. Bhindranwale and other Sikh militants use their temples as sanctuaries.

The Akalis have been agitating since last August over a list of demands ranging from greater autonomy for Punjab state to declaration of Amritsar as a sacred city with a status similar to the Vatican. Mrs. Gandhi has granted some of religious demands but has balked at the political ones.

The New Delhi authorities meanwhile rushed additional paramilitary police and tightened patrolling in Amritsar.

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PLO to discuss Jordan ties

TUNIS, April 14 (Agencies) — Palestinian leaders will meet here within the next 24 hours to discuss relations with Jordan after six months of talks failed, last Sunday, to produce a common approach to a peace process in the Middle East, Palestinian sources said.

The meeting of the 14-strong executive committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), attended by leaders of all Palestinian movements, will discuss how to re-establish contacts with Jordan, the PLO sources said.

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, who returned to Tunis Thursday from a 24-hour visit to Sweden, said in Stockholm Wednesday he was

ready to resume talks with King Hussein and had made fresh proposals through other Arab leaders.

Senior diplomatic sources in Rabat said King Hassan of Morocco was mediating between Arafat and King Hussein at President Reagan's request. The United States has said it is determined to press on with its proposals to involve King Hussein in negotiations for Palestinian self-rule in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The PLO has refused to consider the Reagan plan because it ignores its aspirations to statehood under PLO leadership. But Arafat has said repeatedly that it had some positive aspects. According to PLO sources, the PLO chairman has sent two envoys to Amman in the last few hours.

The PLO leadership will meet in a resort outside Tunis when the envoys return and once all Palestinian leaders are in Tunis, the sources added. The failure of the Jordanian-PLO talks followed another meeting of the leadership in Kuwait last week, where Jordan said the PLO had reneged on points already agreed, and led King Hassan to postpone for two or three weeks an extraordinary Arab summit it was preparing to host this weekend.

Morocco feels the summit will have to endorse an agreement between Jordan and the PLO or help them reach one to break the current stalemate and speed up the peace process in the Middle East. The PLO's official spokesman, Ahmad Abdul Rahman, said Thursday the PLO wanted the summit to be held more than ever so that the Arab world could adopt a joint position at this stage. Abdul Rahman, whose remarks were reported by the Tunisian News Agency, also predicted that talks between King Hussein and Arafat would soon resume.

In London British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, whose government supports Reagan plan, said Thursday the failure to begin negotiations was discouraging and there must be movement on both sides. Referring to obstacles on both sides, she told parliament: "One, of course, is the presence of foreign troops in Lebanon. The other is the policy of the increasing settlements by Israel on the West Bank, which we believe to be illegal."

She said the government stood by its policy of self-determination for the Palestinian people and also the right of Israel to defend itself behind secure borders, adding: "We must have movement on both sides if negotiations are to take place."

In Amman official Jordanian sources said Thursday prospects for a resumption of talks between Jordan and the PLO depend on Arafat's willingness to compromise. The sources, declining to be named, made clear that King Hussein is sticking to his Sunday night announcement suspending the Jordan-PLO dialogue.

A top PLO official was quoted Wednesday as saying that important "new ideas" have emerged that may facilitate restoration of the PLO dialogue with Jordan. Hani Al-Hassan, who represented Arafat in last week's talks with King Hussein was speaking in an interview in Rabat with the correspondent of the Bahrain-based Gulf News Agency (GNA). He declined to spell out the source or content of the new ideas. But he said he had met with the Moroccan king.

"The new ideas are worthy of attention," he said without elaboration. He said that there may be some multilateral Arab meetings prior to an Arab summit but that the PLO insisted the summit must be held "within a delay of not more than a few days."

Hassan stressed that the PLO was keen on pursuing its dialogue with Jordan and said Syria should also be included. "This is a political thing which must materialize," he said.

Gangs harass Palestinians

VIENNA, April 14 (AP) — Masked and armed gangs are terrorizing Palestinian refugees in the southern Lebanese city of Sidon, as they attempt to push them out of the country, according to the U.N. Relief and Works Agency.

"Armed, masked men" ordered 150 Palestinian families to leave their homes in the port city of Sidon in the latest incident Tuesday, said the Vienna-based UNWRA, in a communiqué issued Thursday.

"It is hard to tell" who those involved in the latest incident were, said an UNWRA official, speaking privately. "Over the past few months, however, it has been so-called Christian militia people," he added.

Several of the masked men had identified themselves to the Palestinians as members of a group called "Guardians of the Cedars," according to the official UNWRA, which provides health, education and relief services to Palestinian refugees, has no details about the group, he said.

The families settled in Sidon after an Israeli air raid destroyed their camp at Nabatia in 1974, said the UNWRA communiqué. "Some people ... most of them non-Muslims," want to "push them out of Lebanon," said the official.

Since late March, there have been two other known cases of armed masked men have threatening violence to groups of Palestinian refugees unless they vacate their homes in the Sidon area, according to the communiqué.

Israel, which has retained control of the region following its invasion of Lebanon last summer, has pledged to step up armed patrols in response to an UNWRA appeal, the official said.

France to decide on neutron bomb

PARIS, April 14 (AP) — The French government is on the verge of deciding whether to manufacture the neutron bomb, according to parliamentary defense circles. The bomb was discussed Wednesday at a restricted defense council meeting, chaired by President Francois Mitterrand, and attended by Defense Minister Charles Hernu and the heads of the army, air force and navy.

The council discussed France's military plans for the five-year period 1984-88 and various defense options, including the neutron bomb. France has for some years possessed the know-how to make the bomb, which kills but does no property damage, but it has never been incorporated into its military defense system.

A definite decision on whether to do so will be made by President Mitterrand next week, according to parliamentary defense circles. Other decisions will include the number of tanks to replace the AMX-30 over the next decade.

Win forecast for N-freeze proposal

WASHINGTON, April 14 (AP) — Democratic leaders predicted a sizable victory in the House of Representatives for a resolution calling for a joint U.S.-Soviet freeze on nuclear weapons.

They said Wednesday the measure would pass despite fresh objections from President Ronald Reagan that it would amount to "a formula for permanent insecurity."

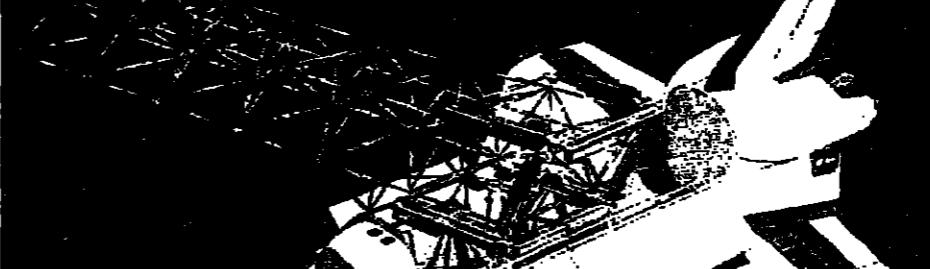
The resolution, though non-binding, was depicted by sponsors as both a gesture against the arms race and a vote of no-confidence in Reagan's nuclear arms policy.

House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., leader of the Democratic majority in the House, claimed the proposal, urging immediate negotiations between the superpowers toward a "mutual and verifiable" halt in the arms race, would "win quite easily."

A welter of amendments stood in the way of quick action, many of them filed by Reagan allies who claim the proposal could undermine the president's ability to negotiate with the Soviet Union.

"It takes away bargaining chips from the president," said freeze opponent Rep. James G. Martin as the House resumed debate on the measure.

The resolution would express the sense of Congress that a central objective of U.S.-Soviet arms talks should be "deciding when and how to achieve a mutual and verifiable freeze on testing, production and deployment" of nuclear weapons.



SPACE PLATFORM: Plans are being made to erect a gigantic platform in space. The vast platform will be the size of 3 football fields. Parts for its construction will be carried in the cargo bay of the American space shuttle. Fully collapsible the platform made of a tough, lightweight material, will "unfold" mechanically. Astronauts will only need to check latching mechanisms. Space mechanics at NASA research laboratory are already practicing with the construction technique in simulated zero gravity conditions. Designed by Lockheed engineers, the platform is intended to be used to provide a frame for a communications satellite or other space projects in the future. (AP Wirephoto)

BONN, April 14 (R) — West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl flew to Washington Thursday for talks with President Reagan, hoping to defuse a potential trans-Atlantic row over East-West trade. He will also discuss nuclear disarmament.

Official sources said Kohl, whose re-election last month delighted the White House, would urge Reagan not to make U.S. demands for new restraints on trade with the Soviet Union and its allies a central issue at next month's seven-nation economic summit in Williamsburg, Virginia.

The demands, conveyed by officials preparing the summit, have raised memories of last year's U.S.-European dispute over the Soviet gas pipeline to Western Europe which divided the Western alliance for several months.

Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, accompanying Kohl, has said a proposed final document drafted by neutral and nonaligned states is a good basis for a compromise accord which would open the way for a European disarmament conference later this year.</

Ministers hail new allocations**Oil crisis won't affect future budgets-- Sultan**

RIYADH, April 14 (SPA) — Prince Sultan, second deputy premier and defense and aviation minister, in an interview published Thursday, said the new budget reflected the government's determination to go ahead in backing development plans in various parts of the country. He told *Al-Bilad* newspaper the current and future budgets would not be affected by the economic situation resulting from the world oil crisis.

Prince Sultan attributed this to the Kingdom's reliance in its development programs on sound planning and not depending totally on oil as a main source of national income.

"Achievements made so far had resulted in several sources on which the Kingdom depends in carrying out its development plans," he said.

The ambitious development plans had realized the hopes and aspirations of the people, Sultan added.

In the meantime, a number of princes and ministers commenting on the new budget, expressed optimism about the future and

hope that the huge allocations for development projects would realize the people's aspirations. They also praised the speech made by King Fahd during the cabinet session, describing it as comprehensive.

Public Works and Housing Minister Prince Miteb said the new budget met the country's requirements despite the drop in oil royalties. He added that new housing projects would be implemented in certain parts of the country.

Interior Minister Prince Naif described the budget as objective.

Higher Education Minister Hassan Al-Sheikh said much good would come out as a result of implementing the projected schemes despite the oil crisis.

Finance and National Economy Minister Muhammad Aba Al-Khalil said King Fahd's speech was comprehensive and detailed, adding that the private sector engaged in non-oil domains such as industry and agriculture could easily make good the drop in oil revenue.

Planning Minister Hisham Nazer said the new budget mainly reflected a continuation of present projects rather than toughened on new ones.

Commerce Minister Dr. Suleiman Al-Solaim said the new budget would meet the aspirations of his ministry as regards stability in food commodities and prices and would enable the private sector to maintain its activities, competing with foreign firms.

For his part, Minister of Industry and Electricity and acting Health Minister Dr. Ghazi Al-Gosaibi affirmed that industrial and electric development would continue unabated.

Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani expressed pleasure with the new budget, saying it indicated continued prosperity and progress.

Thatcher receives King Fahd's message

LONDON, April 14 (SPA) — Saudi Arabian Ambassador to Britain Nasser Al-Manqour called on British Prime Minister Mrs. Margaret Thatcher here Wednesday.

Following the meeting, Al-Manqour told SPA that he had delivered a message from King Fahd to Mrs. Thatcher dealing with the current situation in the Middle East and the outcome of an Arab League delegation's recent visit to London, as well as bilateral relations.

Crime under control -- police chief

RIYADH, April 14 (SPA) — The Riyadh Police Commissioner Maj.-Gen. Muhammad ibn Ayesh Al-Mteiri, has affirmed that crime in the Kingdom was under full control. He was speaking at a celebration in honor of a number of Riyadh policemen held under the patronage of Prince Salman, governor of Riyadh, Tuesday night.

Gen. Mteiri said that during the past four years 1,116 officers graduated from the

Police Training Center in the province in addition to some 500 lower grade policemen. Around 500 more will graduate soon, he added.

Prince Salman, in a speech, praised services rendered by the police force in Riyadh and the responsibilities it was shouldering. He revealed that certain projects would be implemented soon providing living facilities to policemen.

Al-Gosaibi attends hepatitis seminar

RIYADH, April 14 (SPA) — The second seminar on Hepatitis B was held here Wednesday at the National Guard's ceremony hall under the auspices of acting Health Minister Dr. Ghazi Al-Gosaibi, who is also the minister of industry and electricity. The seminar is organized by the Guard's Liver and Scientific Research Center.

In his opening remarks, Dr. Al-Gosaibi said that Saudi Arabia would never accept to become an experimental field for medicines whose viability remains to be proved. "Our market is not open to every Tom, Dick and Harry. We shall protect our citizens from any second rate medicines," Dr. Al-Gosaibi said. He warned pharmaceutical companies that they should not think of financing a

medicine whose viability has not been proved in order to market it in Saudi Arabia. The session was also addressed by Dr. Abdul Mohsen Al-Tuwajeri, director of the center, before Dr. Yassin Abdul Ghaffar, professor of pathology at Ein Shams University in Cairo and dean of the liver specialists in the Arab world, was elected chairman. Four liver specialists from the United States also attended the seminar.

After three hours of lectures during which slides were projected and pictures shown, a dialogue was held among the guests, most of whom were hospital doctors in Saudi Arabia. The first such seminar was held in Jeddah Tuesday. The third seminar will be held in Damman Friday.

ENT surgeon visits Jeddah April 23

By a Staff Writer
JEDDAH, April 14 — Richard Ramsden, consultant ENT surgeon of Manchester University, England, will visit here at the invitation of the New Jeddah Clinic Hospital from April 23 to May 5.

One of the world's leading surgeons in the treatment of Menier's disease and tumors of the acoustic nerve, Ramsden will deliver lectures to doctors on his experience and up-to-date management of diseases of the mid-ear during his stay in the city.

With foreign institutions**Riyadh's educational center signs 2 contracts**

By K.S. Ramkumar
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, April 14 — The International Promotion Organization's (IPO) Middle East Educational Center, which has been providing various educational courses from Riyadh, has signed two new contracts with leading foreign institutions.

One is the Connaught College in Bath, England, a medium-sized school with personal attention offering GCE (General Certificate of Education), law, music and drama, and business studies. The other is the Schiller University which has its campuses in London and other European cities and offer American University degree programs to master's level in a wide range of subjects, including business administration, management, public administration, international relations and psychology.

These courses are open to all students with a standard school education, said Joseph Aoun and John Mitchell, of the IPO's center, on their return from a month-long business trip to England and the United States. They said they visited over 50 schools and centers.

"We now have a number of new contracts which provide us with a further range of courses and centers. Our new contracts involve a higher level of collaboration with the associated schools which will participate much more effectively in the life of the center by assuming a physical presence here and helping to organize and promote conferences and seminars," Aoun told *Arab News*.

One of the most important of these new contracts is with the English Language Teaching Development Unit Ltd. (ELTDU), Oxford, which was formerly part of the Oxford University Press but now exists independently and can provide specialized items such as assessment course design and consultancy on any aspect of English language in which it has wide experience in many different countries, he said.

Aoun said he was happy during his trip to be able to visit many of his students who are currently studying in England and check on their welfare and progress. He also had an opportunity of staying with an English family, "which gave me a very valuable insight into what it is like to be a foreign student staying in English."

Aoun said: "Certainly, the more I see of English educational establishments and



SIGNING CONTRACT: Joseph Aoun, left, managing director of the Riyadh-based International Promotion Organization's Middle East Educational Center, and Chris Yates, director of the English Language Teaching Development Unit Ltd. (ELTDU), sign the cooperation contract between the two institutions at the Savoy Hotel, London, during Aoun's recent tour of England and the United States.

courses, which vary so much from one school to the other, the harder I find it to understand how some organizations in the Middle East can justify sending students overseas without ever visiting the schools' premises and getting to know the staff."

Because the schools vary so much from one area to the other with different programs, facilities, etc., he said: "We'll be putting on a series of regular promotions and conferences in Riyadh in order to inform people who are interested in studying overseas but don't have access to full and accurate information."

In European countries and the United States, educational features and supplements form a standard part of all major newspapers, and people can be informed easily on courses, he added. Aoun said the center has moved from the Oasis Hotel to its own independent offices in the Capital Lights Building (Adwa Al-Aisima), next to Ideal Home and Tesco, on Dabab Street, Riyadh.

He said the contract between IPO and ELTDU, which has been notarized in England, is in respect of all the services provided by ELTDU in Saudi Arabia, includ-

ing ELTDU's specialist services under the general umbrella of IPO's comprehensive educational services.

Thus, when a project is undertaken which requires the specialist services of ELTDU, it is executed jointly by IPO, which provides the local expertise, and ELTDU which provides the technical backup. The provisions of the agreement apply for marketing activities, invitations to bid on projects and contracts with respect to design, planning, execution, consultancy, and development of materials, on any aspect of English language teaching, including staffing, equipment, materials and programs, in the Kingdom.

Aoun said ELTDU will also serve as consultants to IPO from time to time in respect of IPO's own needs. The period of agreement is for three years, automatically renewable.

Through this valuable contract, he said, IPO is now in a strong position to assist all companies to set up and develop English language training on their own premises or overseas. It is also fully equipped to meet, for instance, government projects requiring the setting up of school facilities.

Company vows action to meet fish shortage

By S. Sidhikhan
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, April 14 — The Saudi Fisheries Company will double its efforts in other areas to compensate for any shortage arising from the ban on fishing in the Gulf waters, said Dr. Nassir Osman Al-Salih, the company's general manager. Salih anticipated that the effort will stabilize prices and ensure adequate supplies.

The Damman-based company has issued a statement saying that it had stopped its operations in the Gulf waters as of 10:00 a.m. April 11 following the directives of Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, minister of agriculture and water resources and chairman of the company's board on the same day, the minister ordered a temporary halt to pumping water from the 6 million gallon a day desalination plant in Alkhabar.

The company operates seven ships which produce 600 tons from the Gulf waters and has a working relationship with local fishermen who trawl some ten tons of fish daily.

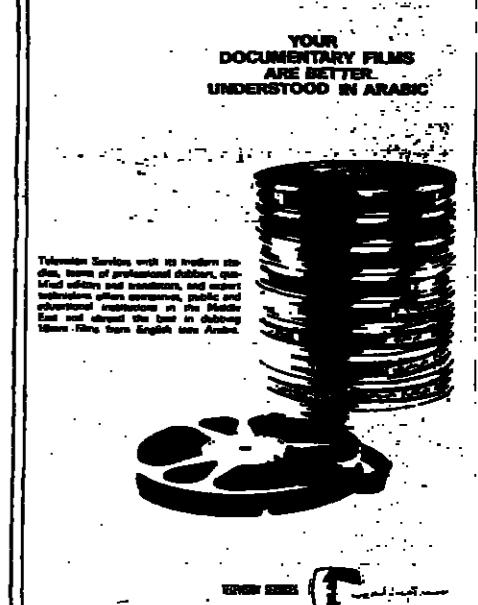
To offset the drop in fish production, the company will shift half of its fleet in the Gulf to the Red Sea, especially the Jizan area. This move will intensify fishing along the Somali coast. An agreement was signed recently with Somalia in this respect and fishing started last March supplying the market with 150 tons from that area. Two ships will be sent Saturday to join the fleet operating there.

The decision to ban fishing in the Gulf waters was taken primarily as a precautionary measure, though no dead fish has been spotted there so far.

Meanwhile, the desalination water corporation has contracted foreign experts to study the case of the Alkhabar plant and decide when to reopen it.

Two plants being built

JEDDAH, April 14 — Two water desalination plants are under construction in Al-Qaryat and Rafah in the Northern Province at the overall cost of SR260 million, *Al-Nadwa* reported. Likewise, the implementation of the SR150 million irrigation and drainage projects at Dawmam Jonad is proceeding according to schedule.



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Prayer Times

Friday	Makkah	Madinah	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
Fajr (Dawn)	4:37	4:36	4:08	3:52	4:17	4:44
Dhuhr (Noon)	12:21	12:22	11:53	11:40	12:04	12:34
Asr (Afternoon)	3:45	3:50	3:22	3:11	3:35	4:07
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:41	6:44	6:16	6:04	6:28	7:00
Isha (Night)	8:11	8:14	7:46	7:34	7:58	8:30

in this region. To coincide with the opening, a number of special 1-2 and 3 night packages will be introduced in cooperation with Kanoo Travel featuring air fare, room and board.

The occasion also coincides with the opening of four national parks in the Asir region.

The Societe Francaise Hotelier director general, Claude Labille, and its president, Henri Barre, revealed that the hotel inauguration here was the beginning of their new Middle

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Ethiopian air attack repulsed, Somalia says

MOGADISHU, April 14 (Agencies) — Two Ethiopian MiG-21 planes attempted to staff and bomb the central Somali town of Abud-Wak on Tuesday but were repulsed, according to the Somali Defense Ministry. In a statement Wednesday the ministry said the jets caused no casualties or damage.

Abud-Wak is in the central Galgadud region of Somalia, where clashes along the border with Ethiopia flared last June. This week Somalia put its armed forces on full alert after accusing Ethiopia of preparing an attack on the border.

Ethiopia denies any involvement in the border skirmishes and says they are the work of Somali rebels fighting to topple President Muhammad Siad Barre's government.

Ethiopia, replying to Somali charges that it was preparing to invade Somalia, Thursday said it was Somalia that was massing troops and weapons along their common border in preparation for an invasion. "Conclusive evidence has now emerged that Somalia is just on the verge of launching yet another act of aggression against Ethiopia," a Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

He was apparently referring to statements earlier this week by Somali Defense Minister Muhammad Ali Samantar who said he

Israeli planes fly over Bekaa

BEIRUT, April 14 (Agencies) — Israeli and Syrian planes Thursday flew over the Bekaa Valley of eastern Lebanon where Israeli and Syrian forces have confronted each other since last year's Israeli invasion of the country, Lebanese security sources said. Israeli planes also flew over parts of North Lebanon, the sources added.

An Israeli military spokesman near Beirut said he had no knowledge of any overflights Thursday by either Israel or Syria.

Israeli planes make fairly frequent reconnaissance flights over parts of Lebanon but there have been no reports of Syrian overflights for some months.

Residents of Batroun, on the Mediterranean coast north of Beirut, said they could hear the sound of aircraft engines. State-run Beirut radio said Israeli planes Thursday made intensive flights over the Bekaa, South Lebanon and the Lebanese coastline and staged what it called mock raids.

There have been unconfirmed radio reports here in recent weeks that both Israel and Syria are reinforcing their positions in the Bekaa and occasionally exchanging fire.

Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Arens Wednesday expressed concern that fresh fighting could break out between Israel and Syria in East Lebanon.

Essebsi in Algeria

ALGIERS, April 14 (AP) — Tunisian Foreign Minister Beji Caid Essebsi arrived here for talks with President Chadli Benjedid on regional, bilateral and international issues.

He stressed there was nothing unusual about his visit, but diplomatic sources here are discussing the possibility of a summit meeting between the three Magreb countries, Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco, in Tunis at the end of April.

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Ulusu rules out leading new party

ANKARA, April 14 (R) — Turkish Prime Minister Bulend Ulusu has said he will not lead a new military-backed center party in general elections promised by the ruling generals within a year.

"It is not possible for me to be both leader of a political party and prime minister of Turkey," the daily *Millet* reported him Thursday as saying.

There had been widespread speculation that former admiral Ulusu, appointed premier after the 1980 coup, would lead the mooted center party in the elections.

However Ulusu added: "Don't misunderstand me. I will do everything I can to help the establishment of a political party which will carry on the philosophy of Sept. 12."

Pym, Kissinger defend Reagan's peace initiative

LONDON, April 14 (AP) — British Foreign Secretary Francis Pym and former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger defended President Ronald Reagan's peace plan for the Middle East, saying there is "no practical alternative."

Speaking in the House of Commons, Pym said Wednesday "these proposals constitute an opportunity which will not recur and must be seized urgently."

Pym also attacked Israel's proposal to increase by 57 the number of its West Bank



Francis Pym

settlements. Pym called the proposal "a very offensive statement. Those settlements are illegal and completely contrary to the Reagan plan." Pym condemned as "deplorable" the slaying in Portugal on Sunday of Issam Sarhan, a moderate PLO officer.

Kissinger said Thursday "there is no alternative to King Hussein" of Jordan as negotiator on behalf of the Palestinians in peace talks with Israel. Following a 90-minute meeting with President Hosni Mubarak in Cairo, Kissinger also voiced strong hope that Israeli, Syrian and Palestinian forces will withdraw from Lebanon "before the summer."

Kissinger was asked for his views following the breakdown of talks between Hussein and Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat on a joint strategy to enter negotiations with Israel for a Palestinian settlement on the basis of Reagan's peace plan.

"There is no alternative to King Hussein as the negotiator and, therefore, I hope that it will be possible for Arab leaders to persuade the Palestinians to understand this and to enable King Hussein to look forward in these negotiations," he replied.

The PLO refused to give Hussein a mandate to negotiate on their behalf through a delegation that would include: non-PLO Palestinians.

America urged to tone down anti-PLO chorus

WASHINGTON, April 14 (A P) — The Arab League's ambassador to the United Nations said Arab states will not withdraw their mandate for the Palestine Liberation Organization to represent Palestinians in Israeli-occupied lands.

Clovis Maksoud also urged the United States to "tone down" its criticism of the PLO and the Arab League, and added that both organizations were still considering President Ronald Reagan's Middle East peace plan.

"We don't think this is very conducive for a continued Arab-American dialogue," he said in a telephone interview.

The PLO is a member of the Arab League, which includes virtually all Arab states, Maksoud said the United States overreacted to a statement by Jordan Sunday that it was ending talks with the PLO on ways for Jordan to represent Palestinian interests in peace negotiations with Israel, as called for by Reagan's proposal.

He said it was possible Hussein and Arafat would meet soon to discuss the peace initiative.

Journalist held in West Bank

TEL AVIV, April 14 (AP) — An Arab journalist was arrested Wednesday in the occupied West Bank after large amounts of anti-Israel propaganda were found in his house in the city of El Bireh, the military command reported Thursday.

The command said security forces found pamphlets calling for rebellion against Israel and the destruction of the Jewish state in the house of Kamal Jibriel, a journalist for the *Al-Fajr* newspaper.

Security forces also found fliers warning collaborators with the Israeli administration in the West Bank that they would be killed. Most of the pamphlets were issued by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

Pullout talks resume

KHALDE, Lebanon, April 14 (Agencies) — Israeli, Lebanese and U.S. negotiators resumed talks informally here Thursday in their continuing efforts to secure a withdrawal of foreign troops from Lebanon.

As he has done for the past two sessions, President Ronald Reagan's special envoy to the Middle East Philip Habib headed the U.S. delegation. The talks were a continuation of Wednesday's session, which was described as "friendly". Habib "intervened on several issues and his interference was always effective," Lebanese spokesman Daoud Sayegh said. He did not elaborate.

"It is possible to say today that the negotiators have begun discussing the annexes and other documents attached to a draft agreement" proposed by Lebanon, Sayegh told reporters.

He declined to give details beyond saying the proposed draft and attached documents "involve numerous legal and security issues. There are many important annexes to the draft."

BRIEFS

CAIRO (SPA) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak Thursday received a message from Lebanese President Amin Gemayel contents of which were not disclosed.

STRASBOURG (AFP) — The European Parliament Thursday called on the 10 governments of the Common Market to issue a strong protest against the recent sentencing of a French volunteer doctor to eight years in prison in Afghanistan.

ISTANBUL (R) — Western diplomats said Thursday they had been told the Romanian consul general in Istanbul, Miron Sava, committed suicide on Monday but this could not be confirmed.

SUEZ (AP) — An Egyptian court Thursday sentenced two West German sailors to 25 years in prison for smuggling \$5 million worth of opium and hashish into the country.

CAIRO (R) — Egypt and Jordan Thursday formally announced the resumption of trade relations, four years after an Arab summit severed all links with Egypt for signing a peace treaty with Israel.

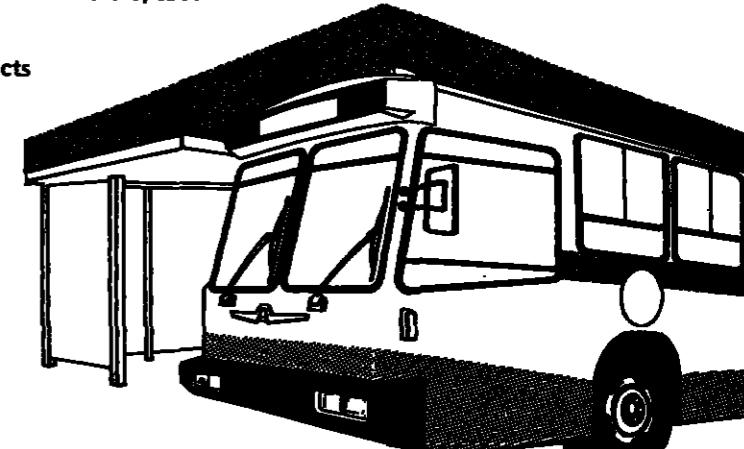
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As price for putting down mutiny

Garcia must quit, air chief says

SAN SALVADOR, April 14 (AP) — The commander of El Salvador's Air Force said Wednesday he may defy Defense Minister Jose Guillermo Garcia's orders unless Garcia resigns, but he will keep his men in the war against leftist rebels.

Col. Juan Rafael Bustillo said he hoped the defense minister would quit by Friday, but "I don't know what his intentions are." Reliable military sources said after a brief rebellion by a respected field commander three months ago that one condition of the settlement was that Garcia resign by April 15.

Bustillo, commander of the air force since 1979, said, "The minister must go. We may take the position of not recognizing his authority." He spoke in an interview with the Associated Press and *The New York Times*. Bustillo did not say whether other military officers supported his position.

In an interview earlier Wednesday, Garcia said he would not resign unless President Alvaro Magana asks him to do so. Bustillo

said he intended the warning about possible defiance to make Garcia quit. He said several field commanders were ineffective and should be replaced, but would not name them.

The reported price for putting down a rebellion Jan. 6 by Col. Sigifredo Ochoa, military commander of Cabanas province, was an agreement that Garcia would quit by April 15. The week-long mutiny ended when Ochoa agreed to drop his demand for Garcia's resignation and accepted a posting as military attaché at the Salvadoran Embassy in Washington. Garcia has repeatedly denied the reports that he agreed to step down.

Bustillo said what he called Garcia's poor management of the war against the guerrillas might force him to defy the defense chief's orders, but his fighter planes and helicopters would stay in the battle against the rebels. "The air force cannot halt its operations, which are required for national security. We consider it an obligation to con-

tinue...fighting the guerrillas," Bustillo said. The war "is not going well. The situation could get critical unless appropriate measures are taken rapidly." For a while Garcia was an acceptable defense minister, but I believe his participation later in politics resulted in his ignoring the army's problems. The armed forces should be his major concern." Bustillo refused to say who should be defense minister.

He and Col. Adolfo Blandon, chief of the first army brigade, were the only commanders who refused to sign a military communiqué backing Garcia during the Ochoa rebellion. The army has six brigades.

Blandon could not be reached for comment, but well-placed sources said he also has been pressing for Garcia's resignation. A Christian Democratic politician said Bustillo is considered a conservative who opposes many of the reforms instituted since moderate army officers overthrew former President Gen. Humberto Romero on Oct. 15, 1979. Garcia supports the reforms.

supporting insurgents in Nicaragua.

"I am sad, ashamed and just plain mad at what the Reagan administration is doing in Nicaragua," Berkley Bedell told a news conference.

"If the American people could have talked with the common people of Nicaragua whose women and children are being indiscriminately kidnapped, tortured and killed by terrorists financed by the American taxpayers, they would raise up in legitimate anger and demand that support for the criminal activity be ended at once," Bedell said.

In Paris, El Salvador's leftist opposition leaders visiting France accused the United States of tuning their country into a "North American protectorate" and called for new international initiatives to put an end to the Civil War.

At a press conference, Salvador Democratic Front leader Guillermo Ungo and Farabundo Marti Guerrilla Front commander Salvador Samayoa accused Israel, Egypt, Turkey, and the United States of providing weapons for the Salvadoran Army.

The leftist leaders also accused the U.S. of turning Honduras into a springboard for destabilizing efforts in Central America.

As for the committee's refusal to vote the \$50 million in additional aid to El Salvador, Speakes said that "would reduce our capability to help friendly democratic countries to defend themselves."

Meanwhile, Berkley Bedell, a Democratic member of the House of Representatives, returning from a four-day trip to Central America, said Wednesday he found "conclusive evidence" that the U.S. government is

House panel ban irks Reagan administration

WASHINGTON, April 14 (Agencies) — The Reagan administration has lashed out against two votes taken by the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on South America Tuesday that will severely hamper U.S. leverage in Central America.

In a move interpreted as a severe defeat for President Reagan's Central American policies, the subcommittee Tuesday turned down a request for a further \$50 million in aid for El Salvador and also backed an amendment to outlaw "direct or indirect" U.S. support for Nicaraguan anti-Sandinista rebels.

Hitting out against the amendment, White House spokesman Larry Speakes described it as both "precedent setting legislation" and "restrictive legislation that can infringe on the executive conduct of foreign policy." The Reagan administration has already been restricted in financing groups fighting to overthrow the Sandinista government in Managua by the so-called Boland Amendment, approved by Congress in December. But Speakes said that he hoped Congress would scrap Tuesday's subcommittee amendment as "there is a general consensus

Central American peace bids will continue

GUATEMALA CITY, April 14 (R) — A lightning tour of Central America by four foreign ministers on a peace mission ended as fresh violence was reported in the strife-torn region.

Statements issued before Wednesday's final leg of the mission in Guatemala showed little hope for narrowing the gap between advocates of bilateral and unilateral negotiations in the latest of at least 18 peace initia-

Mexican Foreign Minister Bernardo

Kim's son named heir apparent

TOKYO, April 14 (AFP) — North Korea's official media made it clear Thursday, on the eve of President Kim Il-Sung's 71st birthday, that his son and heir apparent, Kim Jong-Il, is now No. 2 in the hierarchy. If the young Kim does eventually succeed his father, the dynasty would be virtually unique in any Communist country.

Pyongyang radio monitored here placed the young Kim second after his father as it named party leaders at a ceremony Wednesday marking completion of a waterway lock gate in the North Korean capital.

Kim Jong-Il had earlier been named behind Vice President Kim-Il (no relation to the president's family) in the nominal order.

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Karamanlis plans to visit Cyprus

ATHENS, April 14 (R) — Greek President Constantine Karamanlis has accepted an invitation by Cypriot President Spyros Kyprianou to visit Cyprus this autumn, official sources said Wednesday.

The president's trip will follow a visit to Cyprus last year by Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou, which delighted Greek Cypriots but drew protests from Turkey, whose troops have occupied northern Cyprus since 1974.

Turkey said that Papandreou's visit broke a long-standing convention under which government leaders in Athens and Ankara avoided visiting the island. Turkish Prime Minister Bulent Ulusu went to northern Cyprus soon afterward, drawing strong protests from the Cypriot government in Nicosia.

Kyprianou has been in Athens since last Thursday for talks with the Greek government on a forthcoming resolution on the Cyprus issue that will be debated at the U.N. General Assembly next month. The U.N. debate on Cyprus is now set to start on May 9, not May 2 as earlier expected, Cypriot sources said.

Lagos dailies allege CIA murder plan

LAGOS, April 14 (R) — Two Nigerian newspapers alleged Wednesday that the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) was plotting to assassinate opposition leader Obafemi Awolowo.

The U.S. Embassy in Lagos promptly denied the charge as "patently false and absurd."

The Tribune and *Daily Sketch* newspapers, both owned by the opposition Unity Party of Nigeria (UPN), quoted an alleged embassy report as saying that UPN leader chief Awolowo must be stopped from becoming president in the August elections in which he will be one of six candidates.

The U.S. Embassy statement described the reports as "blatantly untrue allegation."

Gandhi causes political storm in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, April 14 (AFP) — The South African premiere of the film *Gandhi*, nominated best picture of 1982 at the 55th Academy Awards in Los Angeles Monday, is causing a political storm because it cannot be shown to multiracial audience.

None of the charities organizing the premiere nor the distributors have applied to the Department of Internal Affairs for the special permission required to allow multiracial audiences to attend the premiere.

Susheela Gandhi, who is a leader of South Africa's Indian community and daughter-in-law of the subject of the film, the late Mahatma Gandhi, has been refused permission to attend the Durban premiere. The opposition Progressive Federal Party Wednesday slammed the so-called Group Areas Act, under whose terms licenses are only issued to cinemas which accommodate segregated audiences.

Three South Africans play in the film — Marius Weyers, the internationally acclaimed South African playwright Athol Fugard, and black actor John Kani.

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Operation base smashed

36 drug traders killed in Burmese offensive

NAMSANG, Burma, April 14 (R) — At least 36 rebel drug traders and nine soldiers were killed when Burmese authorities mounted a major assault on illicit jungle refineries near the border with Thailand in eastern Burma last week, an army spokesman said Wednesday.

Army troops seized nine heroin refineries and smashed a base believed to be the hub of the clandestine drug industry. The Shan United Revolutionary Army (SURA), a rebel group involved in drug trafficking from jungle hideouts, suffered a major blow, officials said. The operation was carried out on April 8 following military intelligence reports that two SURA battalions were guarding their trading center in the San Kelang area.

Troops seized 47 firearms and several kilos of heroin, first-grade morphine base and opium

"The rebel base was smashed and nine jungle refineries operated by them were seized and occupied by troops," Brig. Gen. Aye San, commander of the Shan state said. Rangoon-based foreign military attaches and reporters were flown to the area Wednesday and shown the seized arms, ammunition and heroin-making equipment. None of the leaders was captured in the operation.

The Burmese government, in its bid to stamp out the drug trade, has destroyed 10,450 hectares of poppy fields in the past three years. Both the "golden triangle" area of Burma, Thailand and Laos apart from Afghanistan, Iran and Pakistan have recorded bumper poppy crops this year and several Asian countries have reported a sharp fall in prices of heroin as a direct result.

Italy jails 28 narcotic dealers

TRENTO, Italy, April 14 (R) — An Italian court Wednesday sentenced 28 persons to prison terms of up to 18 years in the first case stemming from a three-year-old investigation into the drugs network.

The court in this northern town found all but one of 29 defendants guilty of participating in narcotics deals which Trento Magistrate Carlo Palermo said involved Turkey, Bulgaria, the Middle East and the Mafia.

The trial, which started Feb. 18, concerned those arrested in the first stage of Palermo's investigation, which began with the discovery of a cache of 140 kg. of heroin in the Trento area in December 1979.

It has since grown to reveal deals in sophisticated weaponry such as assault helicopters and Leopard tanks, for which Palermo has said payment was accepted in heroin from Middle East countries. In all, over 150 persons have been arrested.

Among those sentenced to 18 years were a Turkish drug dealer, Hanifi Arslan, and a Yugoslav, Ivan Galic. They were also fined \$142,860 each. Fines handed out by the court totalled over \$1.1 million.

Another defendant sentenced to 18 years was Herbert Oberhofer in whose house the heroin was found in 1979. Oberhofer's main accomplice in the drug racket, Karl Kofer, was found dead in his prison cell with a bat-pen through his heart in March 1981 after giving tip-offs which magistrates have said led to the arms connection.

Magistrates in Trento say the deals involved in the investigation were worth several million dollars.

Judicial sources said the trial which ended Wednesday was likely to be just the first and least important of a series.

Toxic waste sent to France

ROME, April 14 (AP) — An Italian company said Wednesday that a customs document accompanying toxic waste from Italy's worst environmental disaster showed the shipment was headed for a French company in northern France.

The disclosure by the Italian subsidiary of the West German firm Mannesmann came after representatives of Italy's two largest political parties joined a growing outcry and called on the government to disclose where the deadly poison dioxin was deposited.

A copy of the customs waybill released by the company, which oversaw the shipment of the waste, said 41 drums of the substance left Italy for St. Quentin, 125 kilometers northeast of Paris to be delivered to a French company.

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The newspaper *Le Crierie* said the ten were crushed to death when their homes collapsed in the coastal town of Chimbote during Tuesday's tremor which registered 5.2 degrees on the Richter scale.

Officials said the quake also buried part of an oil pipeline carrying 120,000 barrels per day in Jaen, 850 kms northeast of Lima. It would take at least a week to repair it.

The civil defense committee said torrential rains, floods and landslides which devastated various parts of Peru in past weeks had caused extensive damage, according to early estimates.

The head of the committee, Gen. Carlos Arias, said the situation was serious for 1.8 million people living in the northern provinces of Piura, Tumbes and Chiclayo.

Official estimates have said 37 persons died and 200 were missing in the floods and landslides. Large areas were flooded and Agriculture Ministry officials said up to 160,000 hectares of rice, maize, sugar cane and fruit crops were destroyed for a loss of over \$100 million.

Apostol said the military has linked the reporter to the activities of the "May 1 Movement," a militant labor federation claiming half a million members and branded by the military as a Communist front organization.

Federation Chairman Felisberto Olalia, 79, and more than 20 other officials of the group and affiliate organizations have been in prison for about eight months on charges of fomenting rebellion. The military claims they are involved in a terrorist plot to overthrow Marcos.

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SOFIA (AP) — Two Italian tourists Thursday received prison sentences of ten-and-a-half and three years respectively from a court here, on charges of military espionage. The Bulgarian news agency BTA reported. The pair, Paolo Farsetti, 37, who received the heavier sentence and Gabriella Trevi, had been accused of photographing military sites in August 1982.

ATHENS (AP) — "General Markos" who led the Communist insurrection in northern Greece during 1946-49, has returned here after 34 years of exile in the Soviet Union with the aim of re

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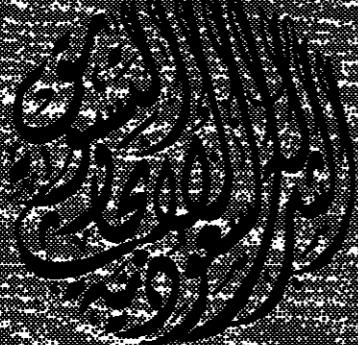
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The 1983/1984 budget which was the subject of speculation and apprehension was announced by King Fahd Wednesday and thus all the misgivings about it have been quelled.

Against the background of declining oil prices and drop in revenues, the budget makers in the Kingdom have come up with a fairly good package. Notwithstanding the decrease, the budget has maintained the Kingdom's focus on continued development of its infrastructure, industrial growth, and enhancement of the service structure.

Allocation in the service sector has not been affected and the fiscal year will see the completion of the fixed projects. Industrial and agricultural loans will continue to be provided to the citizens so as to maintain the momentum of development and progress in these fields.

Another welcome feature is the decision to continue the existing subsidies for foodstuff and other materials provided for by the government. This speaks for the government's determination to carry forward the process of steady growth, planned earlier despite decreased revenues.

One commendable feat of the budget is the cautious dip in reserves which is a happy medium to maintain while preserving the bulk of reserves for future generation.

ORWELLIAN SHADES

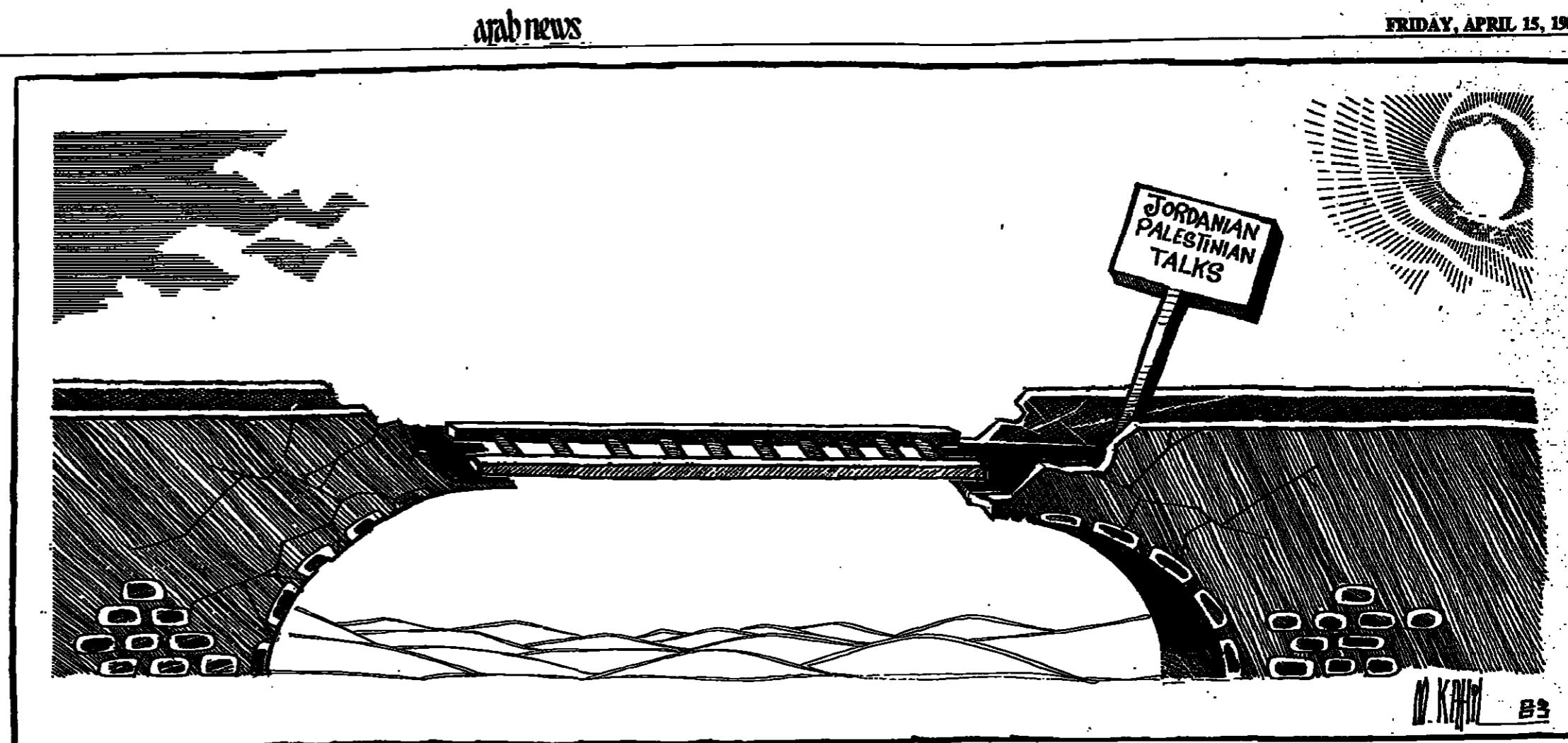
Is George Orwell meeting the fate of all writers, thinkers and philosophers—a slow but steady distortion of their ideas? The latest group to claim him or the book that made the year 1984 and its author household names in literary and political circles is West Germany's peace marchers—Greens and non-Greens variety. In fact, a recent picture carried by some of the Western newspapers depicted a young female avidly reading 1984 while demonstrating against nuclear weapons.

Indeed she was posing a challenge to West German authorities as much as to America's Committee for Free World. A spokesman for the committee had only recently invoked Orwell's name to pooh-pooh the Greens' opposition to the deployment of missiles in Europe and the advocacy of unilateral disarmament. In between comes various shades of political opinion all looking at 1984 to push their particular ideological line.

Left-wingers have long back eulogized 1984 as an anti-fascist tract. Cold war-mongers have taken much of their ammunition against the Soviet system from Orwell. To British Tories 1984 contained everything to be said against the Labor opposition even without Tony Benn's ultra-leftist rhetoric. To this heterogeneous group has been added the Orwell National Committee of U.S. which in a bid to generate a few laughs and a little money has put forward the author of 1984 as a candidate in next year's presidential race.

All this must be amusing Orwell. But to his discomfiture things which are not very hilarious have also been happening. And right in his own country. Consider the furor over the Data Protection Bill and the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill now before the parliament. Opposition parties have seen in them enough signs of governmental transgression on privacy to invoke more than a shade of a police state. Britain is not the only culprit in this respect. There are Big Brothers and Big Sisters in almost all 'free' countries. And the West has been showing special flair for double talk. Consider their attitude to dictatorships, aggressions and human rights when the governments concerned toe their line in foreign policy matters.

Poor George Orwell must be turning in his grave. So will be G. K. Chesterton and for an additional reason: in a novel published in 1904, when the author of 1984 and *Animal Farm* was an infant, Chesterton had anticipated the encroachments of citizens' liberties by an authoritarian state.



Kohl taking Europe's brief on missiles to Reagan

By Tony Catterall

COLOGNE — Chancellor Helmut Kohl is currently visiting Washington with the intention of reinforcing European pressure on the Reagan administration — although it is not quite being put that way in Bonn.

There is a wide range of issues in dispute between West Germany and the United States, although the fact that Kohl is taking his foreign minister and not his economic minister suggests foreign policy topics will dominate the talks.

The negotiations in Geneva between the U.S. and the Soviet Union on medium-range missiles in Europe are of prime importance to the Germans, but they will also be raising the matter of progress in the Conference on Cooperation and Security in Madrid — the second follow-up to the Helsinki accords.

Both government and diplomatic circles in Bonn are convinced the Americans have finally realized that the election victory last month of Kohl's center-right coalition was due to German economic worries, and was not an endorsement of NATO

plans to station Cruise and Pershing II missiles here.

While Kohl is prepared to accept the American missiles if the Geneva talks come to nothing, he will be strongly making the point in Washington that it would be better for the internal cohesion of both his country and NATO if there was no need to do so.

The Germans are taking heart from President Reagan's recent announcement that he would accept an "interim solution" in the talks — fewer American missiles to be deployed in return for a reduction in the number of Russian missiles targeted on Western Europe. And they claim — rightly in the eyes of most observers — much of the credit for it.

A spokesman for the chancellor says it is now important to keep up the momentum. He says Kohl will emphasize that the American initiative was right, and that the intensive consultations of the past must continue into the future. In other words, Washington must heed the messages coming from Western European capitals.

But there is a degree of skepticism when the spokesman deduces from the past success that the Americans are "perhaps now more open — more

receptive to ideas from Europe."

One diplomat says that while Reagan finds it easier to talk to Kohl than he did to his Social Democrat predecessor Helmut Schmidt — "who got under the president's skin" — the present U.S. administration is only semi-Atlanticist.

Kohl has the advantage of not having to demonstrate his commitment to the Atlantic alliance, although he did so by the alacrity with which he set a date for his Washington visit; an invitation from Moscow which came on the same day was accepted but the trip will not take place until "some time in the second half of the year."

Thus it will be easier for him to argue that Europe needs visible demonstrations from the Americans of its willingness to be flexible.

An important test will come in discussions on the Madrid European security conference. The Bonn government thinks the point has been reached where the conference can be wound up, on the basis of the paper put forward by the group of neutral and nonaligned nations, but it is unsure of the United States' attitude.

Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher has

said he accepts the ideas in the paper, although he would like some changes in the wording. And according to the chancellor's spokesman, it is necessary to have a political decision on whether to convene a European disarmament conference at the end of the year.

If Washington goes along with the idea, it could help change West German public opinion on the genuineness of its desire to reduce East-West tensions and help Kohl if he has finally to approve the development of missiles.

The talks will obviously touch on wider issues as Kohl was invited not just as West German chancellor but also as current chairman of the European Community Council of Ministers.

He is considered likely to raise the perennial European complaint that high American interest rates are impeding the world economic recovery; and the growing threat of an agricultural trade war between the EC and the U.S.

But for the most part, these issues will be peripheral and detailed discussions on them will be left until next month's economic summit of leaders of the non-Communist world. (LOS)

Chicago win raises black hopes of larger share in power

By David Nagy

WASHINGTON —

Exultant over the election of Chicago's first black mayor, black American leaders foresee a new era of competition for political power all the way up to the 1984 presidential election.

Congressman Harold Washington's narrow victory over white Republican lawyer Bernard Epton in Tuesday's poll brought rejoicing in black circles and relief among white Democrats who had feared a Washington defeat would cause blacks to desert the national party in droves.

While the Chicago result spared the Democrats that problem in their battles with President Reagan's Republicans, it also appeared to increase prospects that blacks would put up their own candidate for the 1984 Democratic presidential nomination.

"The Chicago result is a spark that has lit up the

nation," Congressman Mickey Leland of Texas, head of the Democratic Party's black caucus, said in an interview with Reuters.

"What you're going to see, I think, is not only a black leadership effort in the presidential contest but possible black candidacies for the Senate and more mayoral and governor's candidacies."

Leland and other black leaders are considering entering a black candidate in the Democratic presidential primary elections that begin next February in New Hampshire.

Congressman Walter Fauntroy, another member of the presidential strategy group, supported Leland's view that the Chicago victory may have made a black candidacy more likely.

"What registered in Chicago is the emergence of a new 'coalition of the rejected': blacks, Hispanics, low-income whites, minorities of all types," Fauntroy, who represents Washington, D.C., told Reuters. "The idea of fielding a black presidential candi-

date on a platform that attracts new coalition becomes even more appealing now," he said.

Chicago voting trends indicated that Washington took 52 percent of the vote in a straight fight against Epton by combining nearly total black support with modest backing — about one vote in five — from the white and Hispanic communities.

The next major test of black ability to mount a winning multiracial coalition will come in next month's Democratic mayoral primary in Philadelphia, where black candidate Wilson Goode appears to have considerable white support against right-wing former Mayor Frank Rizzo.

Fauntroy said the national black leadership group will hold another discussion of a presidential candidacy late this month. Its decision on a campaign for the presidency, not expected before summer, will depend partly on whether white Democratic Party leaders agree to support black demands for strong official party stands on various issues.

Whatever the outcome at that level, political analysts said the Chicago result would galvanize blacks into a powerful force in state, local and congressional politics. "This will make an indelible imprint on the political professionals and national party leaders because it signifies the increasing willingness of strong, credible black candidates to jump into elections all over the country," said Eddie Williams, president of the Joint Center for Political Studies.

The center specializes in analyzing black political trends.

"It will also show the 'pros' that, whenever there is a strong incentive, black Americans will register and vote in extraordinary numbers," Williams said. "Chicago will be a catalyst for black voters and candidates across the country."

Blacks comprise about 12 percent of the total U.S. population and about 17 million of them are eligible voters. Of these about 62 percent are on voting rolls because of intensive registration drives.

But blacks hold only a tiny share of power themselves: 21 of the 435 house members, no senators and only 337 of thousands of state legislature seats. Their main power base is in cities and towns, where they have about 200 mayors.

This record has led minority race leaders to assert that the Democratic Party is taking them for granted — a view that party leaders hope to change by throwing strong financial and political backing to Washington in Chicago. — (R)

Yugoslav press under fire, party under pressure

By Larry Gerber

BELGRADE —

Independent journalists, a rare breed in a Communist country, are under fire here from troubled party leaders.

Since the death of President Josip Broz Tito three

years ago, Yugoslavs have witnessed persistent media questioning about why the economy is in a mess, what the national leadership is doing about it and why the complicated party and government systems should not be changed.

Much of the self-analysis in the press comes from theoreticians or party leaders themselves, but high officials are clearly rankled that the controversies are being aired in public. Some of the ideas are "nihilistic and even counterrevolutionary," said party chief Mija Ribicic, in remarks carried by the Belgrade newspaper *Politika*.

The conflict is taking place as Yugoslavia suffers from inflation of 30 to 40 percent, high unemployment and a foreign debt of \$19 billion. Some commodities are rationed, and the government has also introduced unpopular restrictions on currency and travel. Kiro Gligorov, a leading economist, bemoaned the situation in *Danas*, a Zagreb news weekly. "The state should not regulate prices and keep them frozen," he wrote. "We should let the supply and demand regulate the prices." He called for political and social changes.

"The freely expressed differences in opinions and stands are the natural state of every democratic society and so of societies which base their existence on the pluralism of self-managing interests," said Dr. Njajad Pasic, a central committee member. His remarks were reported by the newspaper *Borba*. "Before you had Tito working within the party, holding it all together," he said. "Now the six parties (of the federated republics) are all representing their own interests."

Finns' drift to right upsets Russia

By Chris Mosey

STOCKHOLM —

Official celebrations last week to mark the 35th anniversary of the signing of a treaty of friendship, cooperation and mutual assistance between Finland and the Soviet Union were marred by the Kremlin's displeasure over what it sees as a dangerous drift to the right in Finnish political life.

As negotiations continued between the 10 political parties to try to form a new coalition government after last month's general election, the Soviet leadership increased its pressure on the Finns.

A recent visit to Moscow by Veikko Venhamo, the new Finnish political power broker, may be crucial in deciding what form the coalition will take. Venhamo, founder of the small Finnish Rural Party, which surprised everybody by winning 17 seats in the election, was officially in the Soviet Union as part of a local government delegation but, as a result of uncertainty over which direction the Finns will take after the election, national politics were thought to be the main motive for the visit.

Islam in perspective

What the Qur'an teaches

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.
To (the tribe of) Thamoud we sent their brother Salih. He said: 'My people! Worship Allah alone. You have no deity other than Him. He it is who brought you into being out of the earth and established you therein. Seek forgiveness of Him and turn to Him in repentance. My Lord is ever-near. He answers (prayers).

They answered: 'Salih. We had placed great hopes in you before this. Would you now forbid us to worship what our forefathers worshipped? We are indeed in grave doubt about that to which you call us.'

He said: 'Think, my people! If I take my stand on a clear evidence from my Lord who has bestowed on me His grace, who will save me from Allah should I disobey him? You are, in such case, only augmenting my ruin. And, my people, here is Allah's she-camel, a clear sign for you. Leave her to graze at will in Allah's land, and do her no harm, lest speedier chastisement befall you.' Yet they cruelly slew her. He said: 'You have just three more days to enjoy in your homes. This is a promise which is sure to be fulfilled.'

When Our judgment came to pass, by Our grace We saved Salih and those who shared his faith from the ignominy of that day. Mighty is your Lord and all-powerful. The wrongdoers were overwhelmed by a dreadful cry. As a result that morning found them prostrate in their dwellings, as though they had never prospered there. Thamoud denied their Lord. Oh, away with Thamoud.

(Houd: 11; 61 - 66)

Arrogance and woeful doom

The same basic issue, the same outline and the same course of action. This is how the account given by the Qur'an of the history of the Prophet Salih and his people opens. He calls on them to believe in the oneness of Allah, to seek His forgiveness and to feel His presence with them wherever they are and whatever they are doing. Salih also reminds them that they have originated from the earth. This refers to the origin of the human race as well as to the fact that every human being depends for his growth on the nourishment which he receives from the earth or from the elements which are available in it. Despite this origin they are put in charge of the earth and given the task of building it. This applies to the human race generally and to them in particular, in their period of history.

All this, however, does not deter them from associating other gods with Allah. Salih, therefore, calls on them to seek forgiveness of Him and turn to Him in repentence. If they do that they should be reassured that he will respond favorably and answer their prayers: My Lord is ever near. He answers prayers. We notice here the usage of the possessive pronoun My Lord

and the attributes which are chosen here, ever near, answering prayers. Coming so close together, they give an impression of the reality of godhead as felt by one of the chosen elite of believers. They impart an air of friendliness, compassion and very real contact between the heart of the benevolent prophet and the hearts of his audience. Their hearts, however, have been blinded by their corruption. They are no longer responsive. Hence, they do not feel the beauty or the majesty of the reality of godhead, nor do they appreciate the friendliness and the care with which Salih addresses them. On the contrary, they are surprised and start to doubt their trusted brother. They tell him that they had placed great hopes in him. They have been aware of his wide knowledge, his honesty, sensibility and wisdom. Now they are totally disappointed with him. But why? "Would you now forbid us to worship what our forefathers worshipped?" To them, that was the calamity. They expected anything but this. And this raised grave doubts in their minds about everything Salih had said.

Thus, Thamoud are puzzled by what is straightforward. They consider as strange

and singular what is right and clear. They are amazed that their brother, Salih, should call them to worship Allah alone. Their astonishment, however, is not based on any evidence, argument or intellectual thinking. They are astonished only because their forefathers worshipped their false gods. People can indeed reach this level of blindness. They base their beliefs on nothing more than that their forefathers believed in the same thing.

Once again we find that the faith based on the oneness of Allah, is, in essence, a call for complete and total liberation of the human mind from the bonds of blind imitation of past generations, and from the shackles of legendary illusions which have no basis whatsoever. Thamoud's attitude toward Salih and their statement: We had placed great hopes in you before this, remind us of the great trust Quraish had shown in Muhammad and his honesty. When he, however, called on them to believe in Allah alone they denounced him in the same way as Salih was denounced by his people. They accused him of being a sorcerer and a fabricator. They preferred to forget their own testimony to his honesty. The same attitude is always repeated.

Like Noah, his great grandfather, Salih puts this simple question to his people: Think my people! If I take my stand on clear evidence from my Lord who has bestowed on me His grace, who will save me from Allah should I disobey him? If I have a clear proof, and I feel it within me to be absolutely certain that my path is the right path; and if Allah has bestowed His grace on me by choosing me to deliver His message, and has given me the qualities which make me qualified for this task — if all this is true, who will protect me from Allah if, in order to preserve your hopes and trust in me, I disobey Him by not conveying to you His message? Would your hopes which you have placed in me be of any use to me to which they were destroyed? As though they had never prospered there. It is as if they never dwelled or prospered in their magnificent dwellings. It is a scene which fills us with wonder. Nothing more than a glance separates life from death. The whole life of a human being is such a momentary affair.

The final comment is the usual one in the *sura*. It records the guilt of the people punished, the curse which pursued them and the fact that they were removed from existence and from people's memory; Thamoud denied their Lord, away with Thamoud.

This suggests that the she-camel had certain distinctive qualities from which they know that it is a sign from Allah. We prefer not to use any of the multitude of legends which speak about Salih's she-camel. We confine ourselves to what we are told in Qur'an. They were told to allow the she-camel to graze at will in Allah's land and to do her no harm, or else, they will suffer a speedy punishment. The structure of the sentence in the original Arabic suggests that the punishment would fall immediately on them and overwhelm them totally.

Despite Salih's warnings, they hamstring the she-camel and kill her. Their action was evidence of their corruption and apathy. We note that the text here does not allow for any time passing between the appearance of the she-camel and their killing her. It is evident that this sign from their Lord did not affect their attitude toward the message of Salih. Hence, they had to be punished.

They were given a respite for three days, and were told that that was the time left for them to enjoy themselves. The punishment was sure to come in three days.

At the appointed time Salih and those who followed him were saved by Allah's grace. A special act of kindness was done to them and they were saved the humiliating destiny of Thamoud. Humiliating was indeed the fate that befell Thamoud as they died, having heard the dreadful cry, with every one on the same position he or she was in before the cry. Mighty is your Lord and all-powerful. Nothing can stand in His way and no people, powerful as they may be, can escape His judgment. Those who are on His side will always have their dignity intact.

The *sura* provides a scene which makes us wonder at Thamoud and the speed with which they were destroyed: As though they had never prospered there. It is as if they never dwelled or prospered in their magnificent dwellings. It is a scene which fills us with wonder. Nothing more than a glance separates life from death. The whole life of a human being is such a momentary affair.

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The story of falsehood—Aisha's own account

By Adil Salahi

Last week a passing reference was made to the vilification campaign carried on by the hypocrite Abdullah ibn Ubai against Aisha, with a view to undermining the family life of the Prophet.

That the Prophet's own wife should stand accused of one of the gravest sins should provide us with a clear lesson on what to expect from the hypocrites. What we should keep in mind while reading through this remarkable event is that anyone of our leaders or our fellow Muslims may face any type of false accusations. Before we rush to condemn him we should hesitate and think what would have happened if Prophet's wife was hastily condemned by those who heard the hypocrites' accusations against her.

"The Story of Falsehood" is the name given by Allah to the accusation made by the hypocrites against Aisha. Let us go straight into Aisha's own account before making any comment on the story or its circumstances.

Aisha said: "Every time the Prophet went abroad he made a toss among his wives to decide which of them should accompany him. At the time of Al-Mustalaq expedition the toss favored me and I traveled with him. At the time, women did not eat much, which meant that they were slim and light. When my transport was prepared for me I would sit in my howdah which would then be lifted onto the camel's back. When they had secured it they would leave.

When the Prophet had done his business

on that expedition and was on his way back he encamped one night at a spot not far from Madinah. He stayed there only part of the night before the call to march again was made. People got ready and in the meantime I went out to relieve myself, having a necklace on me. I did not feel my necklace dropping off me, so I returned. Realizing that my necklace was gone I looked for it but could not find it. People were just about to move. I, therefore, went quickly back to that particular spot and looked for my necklace until I found it.

In the meantime, the people who prepared my camel finished their task and took up the howdah, thinking that I was inside, and lifted it onto the camel's back and secured it. It did not occur to them that I was not inside it. They, therefore, led the camel away.

When I came back to where we had encamped there was no one to be seen. The army had marched. I, therefore, fled my dress round my body and lied down. I realized that when I would be missed someone would come back for me. I soon fell asleep.

Safwan ibn Al-Muattal of the tribe of Sulaim was traveling behind the army. He was apparently delayed by some business and did not stay that night in the camp. When he noticed my figure lying down he came toward me. He recognized me since he used to see me before we were ordered to wear veils. He said: "Inna Lillah wa inna ilahi raf'i 'oon", or "we all belong to Allah and to Him we shall return". "I woke up when I heard him. I did not answer him when he asked me the reason for my being left behind. He, however, made his camel sit down and asked me to ride it, which I did. He led the camel seeking to catch up with the army. Nobody missed me before they had stopped to rest. When everybody had sat down to relax Safwan appeared leading his camel while I was riding. This prompted those people to invent the story of falsehood. The whole army was troubled by it, but I heard nothing."

Here we interrupt Aisha's narrative to mention that when Abdullah ibn Ubai saw her approaching he inquired who she was? When he was told that she was Aisha he said: "Your Prophet's wife has spent the night with a man this morning; then she turns up with him leading her camel!" This statement gave rise to the falsehood that was spread around Aisha. Let us now pick up her own narrative.

"Shortly after our arrival in Madinah I fell very ill. Nobody told me anything about what was going on. The Prophet and my parents heard the story but they did not mention anything to me. I, however, felt that the Prophet was not as kind to me during this illness of mine as he used to be. When he came in he would ask my mother who was nursing me: "How is that woman of yours?" He said nothing else. I was distressed and requested his permission to be nursed in my parents' home. He agreed. I went there having heard nothing. I was ill for twenty odd nights before I became better.

Unlike other people, we, the Arabs, do not have toilets in our homes. To us, they were disgusting. What we used to do was to go out at night somewhere outside Madinah where we would relieve ourselves. Women went only at night. One night I went out with Umm Mistah. (She was Abu Bakr's cousin.) While we were walking she got trapped by her own dress and fell down. As she did so she said: "Confused Mistah," to her own son. I said: "Imprudent is indeed what you have said about a man of the Muhaajireen who fought at Badr." She asked me: "Have you then not heard the story?" When I ask her what story, she recounted to me what the people of falsehood said about me. I swear I could not

believe myself that night. I went back and cried bitterly until I felt that crying would break me down. I said to my mother: "May Allah forgive you. People said about me whatever they did and you mention nothing to me?" My mother said: "Calm down, child. Any pretty woman married to a man who loved her would be envied, especially if she shares him with other wives." I said: "Glory be to Allah. People would repeat this sort of thing!" I cried bitterly throughout that night till morning without a moment's sleep.

The Prophet called Ali ibn Abu Taib and Ussamah ibn Zaid to consult them about divorcing me. Ussamah ibn Zaid who knew that I was innocent said: "Messenger of Allah, she is your wife and we have experienced nothing bad from her." Ali said: "Messenger of Allah, Allah imposed no restriction on you in matrimonial matters. There are many women other than her. If you would see fit to ask her maid, she would tell you the truth."

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"The Story of Falsehood" is the name given by Allah to the accusation made by the hypocrites against Aisha. Let us go straight into Aisha's own account before making any comment on the story or its circumstances.

Aisha said: "Every time the Prophet went abroad he made a toss among his wives to decide which of them should accompany him. At the time of Al-Mustalaq expedition the toss favored me and I traveled with him. At the time, women did not eat much, which meant that they were slim and light. When my transport was prepared for me I would sit in my howdah which would then be lifted onto the camel's back. When they had secured it they would leave.

When the Prophet had done his business

on that expedition and was on his way back he encamped one night at a spot not far from Madinah. He stayed there only part of the night before the call to march again was made. People got ready and in the meantime I went out to relieve myself, having a necklace on me. I did not feel my necklace dropping off me, so I returned. Realizing that my necklace was gone I looked for it but could not find it. People were just about to move. I, therefore, went quickly back to that particular spot and looked for my necklace until I found it.

In the meantime, the people who prepared my camel finished their task and took up the howdah, thinking that I was inside, and lifted it onto the camel's back and secured it. It did not occur to them that I was not inside it. They, therefore, led the camel away.

When I came back to where we had encamped there was no one to be seen. The army had marched. I, therefore, fled my dress round my body and lied down. I realized that when I would be missed someone would come back for me. I soon fell asleep.

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In an incident-marred AL action

Goose fails to lure Tigers into the trap

NEW YORK, April 14 (AP) — Goose Gossage whose appearance on the mound is usually enough to guarantee a New York Yankee victory gave up the game for the second straight time Wednesday night as the Detroit Tigers downed the Yankees 7-5.

Gossage, who surrendered an eighth-inning three-run homer to Toronto's Jesse Barfield in his last appearance, entered the game with one out in the seventh with the Yankees leading 4-3 and two men on. He struck out Lou Whitaker, but Johnny Grubb ripped a double to left-center to put Detroit ahead to stay and Larry Herndon singled him home. Glenn Wilson homered off Gossage in the ninth.

In other American League games, Boston pounded Kansas City 18-4, California Angels downed Seattle 6-1, Cleveland beat Texas 4-3, Toronto downed Milwaukee, 7-2 and Oakland topped Minnesota 5-4.

At Yankee Stadium, Detroit got off to a 3-0 lead in the first. Ken Griffey homered in the fourth, then the Yankees scored three runs in the fifth on a single by Graig Nettles, an RBI double by Willie Randolph and Griffey's second homer. Then Grubb turned it around again with his double to left-center.

The game was marred by a fifth-inning fight between New York's Dave Winfield and Detroit's Dave Rozema, who had just joined starter Jerry Udjor. Rozema's first pitch sailed over Winfield's head. Winfield charged the mound and threw a punch at Rozema as both dugouts emptied. Winfield was ejected and Rozema given an official warning.

Red Sox 18, Royals 4: Glen Hoffman had five hits and Jim Rice had a homer and triple as the Red Sox pounded out 21 hits and took advantage of five Royal errors in Kansas City's sub-freezing weather, with a wind-chill

factor of 10 degrees.

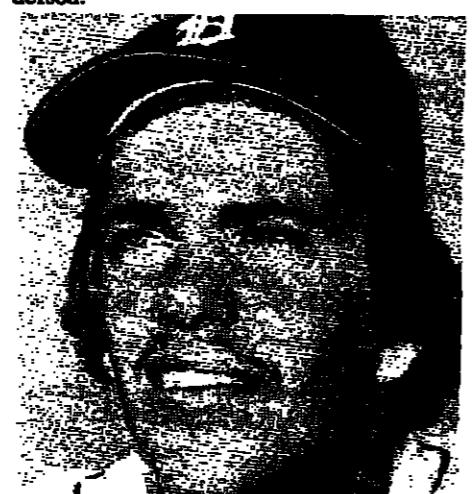
The start of the game was delayed 48 minutes by a cold rain and Hoffman said that late in the game the weather looked like it was beginning to freeze in the infield. Rookie Milt Bro got the win for Boston and Paul Spiltoff, who was shelled, took the loss. Rice, Wade Boggs and Rick Millsbach knocked in three runs.

Angels 6, Mariners 1: Zahn tossed a four-hitter and Doug Decinces hit a two-run homer as the Angels breezed to their Anaheim Stadium victory. Zahn retired 15 in-a-row between the fourth and ninth innings.

He had all the runs in the second inning, when California took a 2-0 lead on a single by Decinces on errors by Mariners' left fielder Steve Henderson and shortstop Todd Cruz. Indians 4, Rangers 3: Mike Hargrove doubled home Chris with the tying run in the seventh inning, then scored the winning run on Bake McBride's single as Cleveland handed Texas its second loss of the season. Cleveland starter Len Barker, 2-0, posted his sixth straight victory without a loss against Texas, his former team, in Cleveland Stadium.

Blue Jays 7, Brewers 2: Jesse Barfield slammed a two-run homer and Garth Iorg hit a two-run, bases-loaded double to power Toronto over Milwaukee. After giving up a run on two hits in the first inning, Jim Clancy, 1-0, retired 14 consecutive batters before walking Robin Yount in the sixth.

A's 5, Twins 4: A bases-loaded, two-out double by Bob Keeney in the eighth inning drove home two runs to lift Oakland over Minnesota. Keeney's hit followed a lead-off single by Bill Almon and intentional walks to Wayne Gross and pinch-hitter Rickey Henderson.



Rozema...involved in a scuffle

Diaz sees Phillies home

NEW YORK, April 14 (AP) — Pat Corrales figured a double would do. Bo Diaz's Grand Slam was even better.

With Philadelphia trailing the New York Mets 9-6 in the bottom of the ninth inning with the bases loaded and two outs Wednesday night, Corrales, the Phillies manager, sent speedy Bob Dernier to pinch-run at first base.

"Don't try and hit it out of the ballpark," Corrales told Diaz, while the Mets were bringing in relief ace Neifi Palena. "Dernier is on first and he can score on a double." "I nodded 'OK,'" Diaz said.

Diaz ran the count to 2-1 before unloading a Grand Slam deep to left, capping a five-run rally and powering the Phillies to a dramatic 10-9 victory. "OH man, it was a good feeling," Diaz beamed.

In other National League games, Atlanta downed Cincinnati 6-1, San Diego nipped San Francisco 2-1, St. Louis routed Pittsburgh 9-1 and Los Angeles beat Houston 5-3 in 14 innings. Allen, who lost Tuesday's night game to Philadelphia by giving up a 10th-inning run, sat in the New York dugout for 10 minutes with his head in his hands after Diaz's blast.

Mets reliever Rick Ownbey took a 9-5 lead into the ninth but exited with two outs after loading the bases on three walks. Jesse Orosco was brought on and promptly walked pinch-hitter Bill Robinson.

That set the stage for Allen now, 0-2, to face Diaz. The homer was the first of the

season for Diaz, his second career Grand Slam and topped off his five RBI performance, the first-ever for Diaz.

The blast also spoiled a four-hit night for New York's Dave Kingman, who unloaded his first homer of the season. Danny Heep and Bob Bailor also homered for the Mets, while Mike Schmidt cracked his second of the year for the Phillies.

Dodgers 5, Astros 3: Steve Yeager slammed a two-run, two-out homer in the bottom of the 10th inning as the Astros matched the National League record with their ninth consecutive loss at the start of the season.

Derrell Thomas doubled with two outs in the 14th off Frank Lacorte and Yeager followed with his homer, his second game-winning blast in two nights.

Braves 6, Reds 1: Chris Chambliss homered twice to knock in three runs as Atlanta won its seventh straight game.

The Braves, who won a modern record 13 consecutive games to start last season, have not lost this year since dropping their opener to Cincinnati. Chambliss drilled a two-run homer in the second inning and added solo blast, his third homer of the year, in the sixth.

Cardinals 9, Pirates 1: George Hendrick went 5-for-5 and homered twice, while Joaquin Andujar won his 12th consecutive game over two seasons. Andujar, 2-0 this season, shackled Pittsburgh on seven hits and retired 13 batters in a row during one stretch. He has now allowed just one earned run in 18 innings this season.

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Alex Higgins...
the crowd puller

Colorful green baize kings get set for pot of gold

LONDON, April 14 (R) — The World Professional Snooker Championship has come a long way since the legendary Joe Davis won the fourth of his 20 titles in 1931.

That year there were only two entries: Davis, who remained undefeated champion until 1946, and Tom Dennis. The "final" was held in the smoky back room of Dennis' club in Nottingham and Davis walked away from the table six pounds sterling richer.

The 57th championship, which starts in earnest in Sheffield's luxurious Crucible theatre Saturday, carries a winner's cheque of 30,000 sterling (\$45,000) and attracted an original entry of 74.

The field has now been whittled down to 32 — chasing total prize money of 145,000 sterling (\$224,000) — and the 17-day tournament will occupy 80 hours of prime time viewing on British television.

An audience of over 17 million tuned in to watch Alex "Hurricane" Higgins beat six

times champion Ray Reardon in last year's final... A far cry from the 50 or so who stumbled in on the Davis-Dennis duel.

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Connors takes
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LOS ANGELES, April 14 (Agencies) — Wimbledon and U.S. Open champion Jimmy Connors bounced back from a lean spell to defeat fellow-American Eric Fromm 6-3, 6-0 in the second round of the \$255,000 Pacific Southwest Tennis Championships Wednesday.

In another action, Fritz Buehning upset third-seeded Eliot Teltscher 6-4, 6-4. Buehning, ranked 56th in the world, recorded three of the four service breaks in the 92-minute match at the Los Angeles Tennis Club. Buehning will meet 10th-seeded Hank Pfister in a third-round Thursday. Pfister had qualified by beating Stan Smith Tuesday.

Earlier Wednesday in second-round matches, fifth-seeded Johan Kriek of South Africa downed Pat Dupre 4-6, 6-3, 6-1, and 15th-seeded Robert Van Hout topped Butch Waits 7-6, 2-6, 6-3.

In third-round clashes, fourth-seeded Brian Gottfried eliminated 12th-seeded Chip Hooper 6-7, 6-3, 6-3; ninth-seeded Tim Mayotte upset sixth-seeded Mel Purcell 2-6, 6-2, 7-6, and 13th-seeded Mike Depalmer qualified for a 6-7, 6-3, 7-6 triumph over Tim Wilkinson.

Gottfried, Mayotte and Depalmer all qualified for Friday's quarterfinals. The semifinals are scheduled Saturday and the final Sunday. The singles champion will earn \$35,000.

Meanwhile, Swede Mats Wilander, the tournament favorite, easily qualified for the second round of the \$75,000 Grand Prix Tournament in Aix-En-Provence with a 6-2, 7-5 win over American Jim Brown. Wilander will meet his countryman Anders Jarryd in the next round.

In second matches, Frenchman Loic Courteau blasted Australian Trevor Allan 7-5, 6-3. Henri Leconte got past Gilles Moretton in an all-French clash. Colombian Jairo Velasco bested German Peter Eiter 6-4, 6-3, and Spaniard Sergio Casal stunned New Zealander Chris Lewis 6-3, 2-6, 7-5.

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Sri Lanka grabs 2-wkt. win

COLOMBO, April 14 (AP) — Sri Lanka scored a creditable two-wicket victory over Australia in their first Limited-Over International at the Saravanamuttu Stadium here Wednesday.

Australian skipper Greg Chappell won the toss and decided to bat. Aided by a 72-run second Wicket partnership between Graeme Wood (50) and Graham Yallop (39), Australia managed to total 168 for 9.

At one stage they were 118 for 6. Roger Woolley (16) and Tom Hogan (27) batted effectively to push up the score, with Hogan smashing a massive six to deep square-leg off paceman Vinodan John.

Righ-arm leg spinner Somachandra de Silva was the pick of the Sri Lankan bowlers. His variation of the leg-break and the top spin baffled the Australian batsmen, who self

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dom made any headway against him. Teenager Arjuna Ranatunga maintained a fine line and length and had the wickets of Yallop and Hookes in successive overs.

Sri Lanka were given a splendid start with openers Sidath Wettimuny (37) and Susil Fernando (31) putting on 71 runs for the first wicket. Then came a series of setbacks. First Roy Dias was out lbw to Chappell, then skipper Dulope Mendis, Ranjan Madugalle and Arjuna Ranatunga went back to the pavilion in quick succession.

In the only other clash of the week, Saad Electronics registered a comfortable 148-run triumph over Jeddah Cricket Club (JCC). Making the first use of the wicket, Saad Electronics suffered early setbacks when openers Amjad and Arshad failed to get going. But the expected collapse of Saad Electronics did not materialize as Farooq (63), Moin (59), Munawar (44), Khalid Nusrat (36) and Anis (24) put their side on a pedestal. They helped muster 274 runs for the loss of nine wickets. Javed (three for 69) and Mustafa (two for 86) and Fazal (two for 37) were the successful bowlers.

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Dialah Avco virtually assured of title

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, April 14 — Dialah Avco maintained their unbeaten run in the Alhusseini-sponsored BMW Cricket League to virtually

sew up the pennant with just one match to go. Their fluent victory over New Stars last weekend put them in an unassailable position and the outcome of their last engagement will in no way affect their position.

But Dialah did not have it easy in their last-but-one contest. Though they struck with the very first delivery of the day — New Stars' Shafi falling to Salman — they faced a middle-order recovery in the form of Mahmood (33) and Sohail (37).

But New Stars' hopes of a big total was sent spinning by the left-arm bowlers, Asim Shah (three for 51) and Shahid Ansari (four for 44). Only the last-ditch resistance from Orlando, who hit a hectic 24, saw New Stars propel to 178 in the prescribed overs.

Dialah's batting prowess was once again evident when they flogged the New Stars' attack. Salman Sheikh, who had been outstanding with his bat right through, led Dialah

to their facile five-wicket verdict with a classy 71. Shahid Hameed (35) and Javed (26) were the others who had a hand in Dialah's superb performance.

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BOMBAY, April 14 — When a legend becomes a reality men expect miracles. Superstars like Carlos Alberto, Zagallo and Teles Santanna among others have converged on the Middle East. They have set the already volatile craze for soccer in the Gulf on fire. The big, brawny men out there want to win the world in a sport where their frenzy knows no boundaries.

Soccer is the magic word in the Middle East. Every boy, every man wants to be a Pele, a Tostao, a Johann Cryuff. When Kuwait made the 1982 FIFA World Cup finals the miracle was a near reality. The

camel became the prized mascot at Madrid, the Middle East had at last arrived in the top league. Would a Gulf team be the best in the world? But global supremacy for Kuwait was not to be.

Kuwait did not have marksmen with the speed of eye and foot of a Paolo Rossi. Their maiden venture in soccer extravaganza did not bring fulfillment. And now it is another build-up, more celebrated coaches to fashion incisive attacking strategies and plans for defensive bases. Soccer fever is raging in Kuwait, it has spread like wildfire all over the Middle East. Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Qatar all play the South American way.

The Brazilians have built up a rare flair, they have built up skill. But they have yet to come up with an answer for providing that distinctive finish which made Pele, Johann Cryuff, Maradona, Eusebio and Rivera immortals of the game. Strikers to snap up chances even before a goalkeeper reacts is what they need so much. Paolo Rossi did it for Italy. He did not have the weight to shoot powerfully. But his team rose to his will-o'-the-wisp call as he flashed home winners in the twinkling of an eye.

Brazilian coaches will have to produce distinctive strikers. Gulf players are generally on the heavy side, who play safe rather than attempt blant strikes with speed. For a fact speed is at a premium. If Brazil became world champions, or for that matter Italy, it was because they were capable of mounting sudden breakthroughs. That goal

by Paolo Rossi, in the World Cup final against Germany, which saw the ball being switched so many times in the penalty area, emphasized what speed can do to defenses, provided the control backing is there.

Gulf teams play the highly defensive sys-

tem the like of which almost stifled the inventive genius of the Italians. Overdone defensive play and lack of speed dash was predominant in the play of Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Iraq in the Asian Games.

Asian supremacy rests with the Middle East today. Iraq are out in the front. They were no superior to either Kuwait or Saudi Arabia in intrinsic solidity. One goal made all the difference for Iraq, who were a shade adventurous. They generally took minimum risks against both Saudi Arabia and Kuwait to whom they played second fiddle for three quarters of the Asian Games final. But Hussain Saeed's flash move saw him cut through with speed and catch the otherwise safe Jasem napping with a piledriver. That won them the crown.

Kuwait and Saudi Arabia were so good to watch. Control was near perfection, mobility was fluid. Ball possession, as it should be, was the high point of their play. All was great in midfield — spectacular to exhilarating extent. But controllers of soccer in the Middle East must realize that goals win matches. To attack attractively and effectively is more important. Enzo Bearzot believed the Italians had the flair for adventurous football. Abuse was hurled on him in the near past. Bearzot has got his due

recognition today. Caution and conservatism, Bearzot felt, would not do. He brought in Paolo Rossi, faster and quicker with the ball, to replace the solid Graziani in the 1978 World Cup. Rossi's mobility all over the field made vital space for colleagues to come from behind and boost the offensive thrust. Rossi had the uncanny knack of being in the right place at the right time. His goals fashioned Italy's 1982 World Cup triumph.

Every skirmish is another lesson. The

competitive attitude of players is heightened today. Pressures of prestige and fabulous monetary gain demand the epitome of efficiency. And football fans have become knowledgeable. They want attractive soccer. If the Middle East countries want to extend their Asian supremacy they must experiment with the concept of Total Football. What Johann Cryuff and the Dutchmen showed the world in the 1974 World Cup, Diego Maradona and Kamps emphasized the efficacy of attack in Argentina's success. Paolo Rossi slammed it down Brazil's throat and then set Italy on the road to historic triumph. You have to attack with strength and resolution if you want to rule the world.

To score from half chances, to score from rebounds, to make good rivals lapses is the way to win matches. Middle East teams must develop as an attacking force. Kuwait has shown the way though without success. Others must profit from the lessons of Kuwait to make world domination a reality.

When men used to kick the bloody head of a vanquished, little did those martial people of ancient days know that the game they oriented would inherit worldwide interest.

For every coach there is a dream of producing a world-beating side. The Brazilians have the best football brains in the world, they could well re-live, their past glory if they could build a world champion side from the Gulf. And well they can do it. Qatar reached Junior World Championship final. Which of them will make the World Cup final? Will it be Kuwait again or Saudi Arabia, or Qatar or the U.A.E.? Any one of them could do it. They have the stuff, they need the speed.

Ross...quick as a flash



Santana...adds to the ball

Blokhin boots home winner for Soviets

LAUSANNE, April 14 (AP) — A 38th minute Oleg Blokhin goal gave the Soviet Union a 1-0 victory over Switzerland in a friendly International Football match here Wednesday night.

The Soviets, who held France to a 1-1 draw in Paris last month and who have been beaten only by Brazil in almost three years, had several opportunities to score before Blokhin put scored following a cross by Bal. Cherenkov actually got the ball into the Swiss net in the 12th minute but the goal was not allowed because of off-side.

Switzerland, who had earned a commendable 2-2 draw with Scotland in Glasgow last month, came back in the second half but Rinat Dassayev had a splendid game in the Soviet goal and the better-organized visitors almost increased their lead in the dying stages.

Both teams are preparing for the European Championship qualifying matches next month when the Swiss tackle East Germany and the Soviets play Poland.

In other friendly matches, East Germany beat Bulgaria 3-0 in Gera. Steinbach put the home side ahead after 53 minutes, but it was not until the 83rd minute that Streich made it 2-0. Busse popped home the third four minutes from the final whistle.

In Coimbra, Portugal and Hungary drew 0-0. Hungary, England's biggest rivals in their European Championship qualifying group, play Luxembourg in Budapest on Saturday in a championship match.

In Budapest, Hungary beat Greece 3-1 in an Olympic qualifying match. Dincikos put Greece ahead after 37 minutes but Kardos qualified for Hungary four minutes before the interval.

Szokolai gave the home team the lead in the 66th minute and Tulipan put the result beyond doubt when he scored for Hungary 11 minutes from the end.

After two matches, Hungary lead the standings with three points, followed by Bulgaria with one. Greece and the Soviet Union, who have yet to play, are without any points.

Meanwhile, Ajax Amsterdam will play N.E.C. Nijmegen in the Dutch Football Cup final after both clubs won desperately close semifinals via penalty-kicks.

Ajax overcame P.S.V. Eindhoven in a sudden death shoot-out after losing the second leg of their semifinal 2-0. P.S.V. had started the return match 0-2 down from the first leg.

Nijmegen, who had drawn 2-2 away to Harleem, were held to a goalless draw in their return match. Extra time was played in both matches.

It will be Arrows sans Alan Jones

LE CASTELLET, France, April 14 (AP) — Former world champion Alan Jones of Australia will not compete in Sunday's French Grand Prix auto race because the Arrows team has not found sufficient sponsorship, the team announced Thursday.

Jones came back this year after a year-long layoff and raced the last championship event at Long Beach, California, and the non-championship race at Brands Hatch, England, last weekend.

Arrows managing director Jack Oliver said, "At present we are unable to pay Alan the fee which a driver of his ability can command." Oliver said they had agreed he would

Soccer results		YOUTH INTERNATIONAL	
Seville	SPANISH CUP	1 Real Madrid	1 Belgium
Barcelona	(Real 4-2 on aggregate)	2	2
Sporting	3 Athletic Bilbao	England	FRIENDLY
Real Sociedad	(Barcelona 3-1 on aggregate)	0	1 Switzerland
Hungary	(Sporting 5-1 on aggregate)	PSV Eindhoven	DUTCH CUP
	(Real Sociedad 3-1 on aggregate)	0	0 Ajax (Amsterdam 2-2 on aggregate)
	(Hungary 3-1 on aggregate)	NEC Nijmegen	0 Harren
	OLYMPIC QUALIFIER	0	0 (2-2 on aggregate)
	3 Greece	Derby	ENGLISH DIVISION TWO
		1	1 Charlton
		Albion	SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO
		Meadowbank	2 Caversham
			0 Stranraer



SLIDING TACKLE: Soviet defender Balaika (3) slides to foil Switzerland's Decastelo in the friendly clash between the two nations in Lausanne Wednesday. The Soviets won the tie by a solitary goal.

F.A. Cup semis

Charlton exudes optimism

field football.

"As for the other semifinal, I think Arsenal might surprise a lot of people by putting out Manchester United. And if it all adds up to an Arsenal-Wednesday final, I would not mind that at all," he said.

While his backroom staff continued to work on casualties Mike Lyons, Mike Pickering and Peter Sherriff, Charlton reported his other doubtful starters Gary Megson and David Mills were back in training and ready for the fray.

Charlton went on: "I'm not meaning about the injuries, about Ian Bailey breaking his leg just a week before the semi. I have been in the game long enough to know it throws up bad luck. Let's just forget these selection problems and look forward to ensuring ourselves — players and fans."

Brighton's Republic of Ireland midfielder Gerry Ryan continues to pose their main problem. Treatment on his injured hamstring three times a day has yet to produce a major easing and it looks like a Saturday morning decision.

Arsenal vacate Highbury to meet Manchester United in the other semifinal at Villa Park, Birmingham, and the news from both camps remains cautious.

United casualty, Kevin Moran, is making slow but steady progress with his ankle injury and Ashley Grimes has shaken off the effects of flu. Arsenal center-half David O'Leary is now thinking in terms of risking his suspect ankle.

San Antonio spurred to great heights

NEW YORK, April 14 (AP) — The six teams battling for the final four National Basketball Association playoff berths would love to do what the San Antonio Spurs did — win two games in one night.

New York, Washington, Kansas City and Denver all won Wednesday night to help their post-season hopes, while Atlanta's loss to the Kings hurt its chances. The Spurs who have already clinched the Midwest Division title, needed just three seconds to add one game to the win column against Los Angeles and then won the regularly scheduled contest 114-109 over the Lakers.

The first game had been suspended since Nov. 30 after the NBA ruled that officials improperly made a jump-ball call that helped the Lakers win in double overtime. On Wednesday, the game was restarted with the Spurs ahead 116-114 with three seconds left in overtime.

Los Angeles guard Norm Nixon tried to miss his free throw on purpose so a teammate could get the ball, but San Antonio got possession when Nixon missed the rim. San Antonio's Johnny Moore was fouled and he hit one of two free throws to seal the long-awaited victory, 117-114.

In games crucial to the playoffs, New York beat New Jersey 108-100 to pull into fifth place in the East, one-half game ahead of Washington and Atlanta. The Bullets stayed close with a 95-76 rout of Philadelphia, while the Hawks fell 114-103 to Kansas City.

In the West, the Kings' victory put them into fifth place, one-half game ahead of idle Portland and one game ahead of Denver, which beat Houston 131-112.

Elsewhere, Indiana whipped Milwaukee

Canadian girls shock Germans

KUALA LUMPUR, April 14 (AP) — Unfancied Canada scored a 2-1 victory over defending champions West Germany in a Group 'B' match of the fifth World Cup Women's (field) Hockey Tournament here Thursday.

A 32nd minute goal by Darlene Stoyka put the Canadians ahead in the first half. West Germany neutralized the lead after the switch of ends in the 57th minute through Martina Koch. But Jean Goudet sealed the victory a minute from time with a superb field goal.

In other actions, the Soviet Union edged Argentina 1-0, England beat New Zealand 3-2, and Scotland drew Wales 1-1 in Group 'A'.

The Soviet goal was following a penalty push taken by captain Natalia Krasnikova in the 20th minute. The stroke was awarded when Soviet center forward Natalia Buzunova was brought down by Argentine goalkeeper Laura Molhall. It was the first win for the Soviets, while the Argentines suffered their first defeat.

England got its first goal in the 42nd minute by Jane Swinerton. In the 50th minute, England was two-up with a gift goal. A shot from England's Linda Carr toward the goal hit New Zealander Robyn Blackman's leg and landed inside the goaline. But a minute later, New Zealand scored when Shirley Haig crashed home a penalty-corner. The Englishwomen ensured their victory with a third goal in the 58th minute through second-half substitute Ruth Hine.

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Recovery may not be sustained**Steel demand picking up, OECD says**

PARIS, April 14 (AFP) — Signs of a "very modest" improvement in demand for some steel products have emerged in a few industrial countries but cannot yet be taken as indicating a sustained and strengthening recovery in the steelmarket, the OECD said Thursday.

The 24-nation Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) said that the market remained "weak" in other member countries.

Figures compiled for the OECD steel committee, which was winding up two-day consultations with Hans Collander of Sweden in the chair, showed that the United States was hardest hit by the world steel industry crisis last year. Output fell to a 36-year low, while Japanese production was only slightly down on 1981 and the European Economic Community recorded a 12 percent decline.

With prices remaining under "heavy pressure" throughout 1982, overall OECD crude

steel output declined by 63 million tons or 16 percent to 328 million tons from 391 million tons in 1981. Fourth quarter production totaled 72 million tons, a 23 percent drop from levels a year earlier.

Despite a deliberate reduction of overall OECD crude steel capacity for the second year in succession, the OECD steel industry's capacity utilization dropped to a mere 58 percent from an already very low 69 percent in 1981.

The loss of jobs in the steel sector, which has been a steady feature over the past eight years, reached an unprecedented total of 150,000 last year, a 10 percent drop from 1981.

OECD said the sharp decline in steel output in the member countries was caused in part by a "significant" decline in sales to developing countries, which were increasingly hit by recession spreading from the industrial world.

But the OECD survey stressed that most of

the drop was due to a decline in internal OECD demand, which was down to its lowest level since 1967 under the impact of considerably reduced activity in steel consuming sectors and a running down of steel stocks.

The survey said the situation by major producer areas was: — North America: Demand for steel dropped by 34 percent, much in excess of the OECD average. U.S. output was dramatically down by 42 million tons to 66.4 million, the lowest level since 1946. The 38 percent drop from 1981, due in part to trade developments and destocking, inflicted losses in excess of \$3 billion on U.S. steelmakers.

Canada's output dropped by 20 percent and capacity utilization was down to 30 percent by the year-end. A slight recovery in orders from the consumer durables sector has been recorded since the beginning of this year, but there are still no signs of recovery in the capital goods sector by the end of 1983.

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2 British banks cut interest rate

LONDON, April 14 (R) — Two of Britain's four big commercial banks Thursday cut their interest rate to 10 percent from 10.5 percent in a move which the other commercial banks were expected to follow.

The announcements by the National Westminster Bank and the Midland Bank had been widely expected following action by the Bank of England, the country's central bank, to trim its money market rates for the second day running.

Sterling, at around \$1.5335 showed little immediate reaction. Dealers said the foreign exchange market had already discounted the cut ahead of the announcement.

National Westminster Chief Executive Philip Wilkison said the bank decided to cut its base lending rate from Friday because of easier money market rates. The Bank of England's reduction in its money market dealing rates and a better economic background.

French firm to hunt for oil in Egypt

CAIRO, April 14 (R) — A French oil company, Total Proche Orient, has signed two agreements for exploration in Egypt at a possible cost of \$72 million, a company spokesman has said.

The first concession, a 200 square kilometer area in north Darag, in the north of the Suez Gulf, committed the company to spend \$10 million over three years for drilling two wells, the spokesman said.

The company has two additional optional periods of two years each. It agreed to spend \$7 million during the first period and \$15 million in the second one, drilling one well in each case, he added.

Exxon retains top ranking

NEW YORK, April 14 (AP) — Exxon Corp. retained its ranking as the largest U.S. industrial corporation, but some leading petroleum companies lost ground as a world oil glut and recession shook up the standings announced Wednesday in the *Fortune 500*.

And although Exxon remained No. 1, its sales of \$97.2 billion were down 10 percent from 1981, dropping below \$100 billion for the first time since 1979.

General Motors Corp. moved up a notch to second place, regaining the spot it had lost in 1980 to Mobil Corp., and Ford Motor Co. climbed to fifth from sixth. The rankings are based on revenues last year.

International Business Machines Corp., whose 1982 profit of \$4.4 billion was the most among the *Fortune 500* companies, climbed to sixth place from eighth. Exxon was second in earnings, at \$4.2 billion.

Just three companies — Exxon, No. 4 Texaco Inc., and No. 9 Gulf Oil Corp. — were unchanged among the top 10 companies. Many leading companies, such as American Telephone and Telegraph Co., are not included in the rankings of manufacturing companies.

Among oil companies slipping in the standings, Mobil dropped to third, Standard Oil

Lagos, Tokyo rated costliest cities

GENEVA, April 14 (AP) — The rise of the dollar has shifted rankings among the world's most expensive cities but the Nigerian capital of Lagos remains the unchallenged leader in 1983, according to a survey compiled by Business International Corp.

For the second straight year, Lagos topped a list of 86 cities throughout the world, followed by Tokyo, second, and Cairo third. Mexico City was at the bottom end with an index of against Lagos' 144, and New York's 100.

The strength of the U.S. currency made all cities — except Lagos — cheaper for Ameri-

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Authority	Description	Tender Number	Tender Price	Closing Date
Interior Ministry, Department of Jails	Renovations & electrical works at the Reformatory in Makkah	18/M/N	500	Apr. 9
" "	Carry out roof insulation for the jails of Abha, Khamis Mushait & Dhahran Al-Janoub	19/M/N	200	Apr. 10
" "	Construction of an internal fence, room, sun-shade etc. for Tabuk's jail	20/M/N	500	Apr. 11
" "	Construction of 6 halls & 5 bath-rooms for Makkah's jail	21/M/N	500	Apr. 12

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Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival
1A.	Marjan	Attar	Contrs/Tris/Units	13.4.83
3.	Maldive Pioneer	O.Trade	Maize-Sphm/Rice	8.4.83
4.	Annoula	Kanoo	Const. Mats/Gen.	12.4.83
5.	El Haj Saleh Al Gadic (Schooner)	Fayez	General	13.4.83
6.	Africa Freezer	O.C.E.	Frozen Chicken	13.4.83
8.	Samira	Abdallah	Contrs/Steel/Gen.	11.4.83
11.	Charis	El Hawi	F'Struff/Cement/Gen.	13.4.83
12.	Ibn Malik	Kanoo	Stl. Pipes/Steel/Gen.	12.4.83
14.	Tropicana	O.C.E.	Citrus/Fruit	12.4.83
15.	Kawakab — 1	Star	Frozen Poultry	12.4.83
16.	Kaga Maru	Alireza	Containers	13.4.83
17.	Maldive Pride	O.Trade	Timber/Pallets/Nuts	12.4.83
18.	Zeus 1	Roleco	Bulk Cement	11.4.83
19.	Jeddah Cement-1	Al Sabah	Bulk Cement	11.4.83
20.	Al Fahd	Bamoodah	Bagged Barley	11.4.83
21.	Al Moshtrae	Star	Reefer	6.4.83
22.	Saudi Pride	M.E.S.A.	Timber/Contrs/Units	11.4.83
23.	Reefer Penguin	O.C.E.	Frozen Lamb	6.4.83
24.	Algilan	Star	Reefer	13.4.83
25.	RRICOLOR	Barber	Comrs/Units/Mafis	14.4.83
27.	Professor Szafer	Attar	Contrs./General	12.4.83
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3.	Thaisessinimana	Kanoo	Gen/Cont.	9.4.83
5.	Saudi Independence	Orri	Barley	11.4.83
8.	Lucky Wave	OCE	General	12.4.83
9.	Copper Trader	Barber	Fertilizer	9.4.83
10.	Al Hane	Barber	To Load Urea	13.4.83
11.	Popi-P	Alireza	General	12.4.83
13.	Pacific Insurer	UEP	Gen/Steel	12.4.83
14.	Topusko	Kanoo	General	12.4.83
15.	Yubia	SEA	Steel	7.4.83
17.	Olympic Phoenix	UEP	Reefer	13.4.83
20.	Europa Freezer	OCE	General	12.4.83
21.	Hinglaj	SEA	Container	12.4.83
22.	Glauchau	UEP	Containers	13.4.83
24.	Ocean Commander	Rezayat	Bananas	12.4.83
28.	Chalm Everett	Gulf	General	12.4.83
31.	Ming Summer	Gulf		12.4.83

France may lift video import curbs

PARIS, April 14 (AFP) — The French government is "well on the way" to lifting the restrictions on imports of Japanese-made video tape recorders that were imposed six months ago, the Foreign Trade Ministry has said.

It was reacting to reports that the so-called Poitiers offensive, whereby all VTR imports had to be channeled through the remote customs post of Poitiers in southeastern France, might be lifted by the end of the month.

The ministry said that its statement, the only official declaration made so far on the matter, had been conveyed to Japanese Ambassador Hiroshi Uchida in a meeting with Foreign Trade Minister Edith Cresson on Tuesday.

Japanese Embassy sources here said they had the "impression" that the French restrictions, which has resulted in around 200,000 VTR sets now being piled up at the tiny Poitiers customs office pending customs processing, would be scrapped "soon."

This would follow the conclusion between Japan and the European Economic Community last Feb. 12 of a voluntary restraint agreement covering Japanese shipments of VTRs to the community. The arrangement took effect March 18.

Global economy said looking up

FRANKFURT, April 14 (R) — West Germany's central bank said Thursday the world economy is showing first signs of a recovery.

The Bundesbank said in its annual report for 1982 that both development and industrialized nations could look to the future with confidence as long as they continued to pursue economic policies aimed at achieving stability and contained budget deficits.

The central bank pointed to the recent fall in oil prices which said would aid the balance of payments of many countries, stimulate domestic demand in oil-importing nations and spark renewed growth in world trade. This in turn could help stem the trend toward protectionist policies which threatened to abort recovery.

Denmark to ease currency controls

COPENHAGEN, April 14 (R) — Denmark's conservative-led government announced it would ease foreign exchange controls next month in an apparent bid to spur economic activity.

The reforms would substantially raise both the limits on Danish business investments abroad and on money invested in Denmark by foreign business, an Industry Ministry official said.

Economists said the reforms, outlined in an official report, reflect marked improvements in the Danish economy partly arising out of the coalition government's anti-inflation program.

A ban on sales of government bonds to non-residents would also be removed, the official said. The ban was imposed in 1979 by Denmark's previous Social Democratic administration to stop outflows of high-yielding government paper which the state was forced to issue to cover its wide budget deficits.

In her letters as the new chairman of the nonaligned movement, Mrs. Gandhi also renewed the call of last month's nonaligned summit for all state and government chiefs to gather at the U.N. General Assembly's regular September session.

This is intended as "a collective manifestation of our political will" to solve the economic and political crises confronting the world's people, the spokesman said.

Recipients of the letters, forwarded through Indian ambassadors in major capitals, evidently included U.S. President Ronald Reagan, Soviet leader Yuri Andropov and the heads of all other major countries outside the 101 members of the nonaligned movement.

The 65-year-old Mrs. Gandhi succeeded Cuba's Fidel Castro as head of the nonaligned movement.

Malaysia's gas plant offers valuable lessons

SINGAPORE, April 14 (Depthnews) — Five years after Malaysia signed a deal with Shell, and Mitsubishi, their joint venture has just started to ship tanker-loads of liquefied natural gas (LNG) to customers, two Tokyo-based utilities. When the plant reaches its full capacity in three years, it will earn the country something like \$1.8 billion a year. Should other gas-rich countries in Asia like Bangladesh, Pakistan and Thailand opt for this dollar-earning avenue as Brunei and Indonesia had previously done.

This question is best answered by looking at the costs and benefits of the Malaysian project. The plant itself will have cost by the time it is finished \$1.6 billion. The special purpose tankers needed to ship the gas at a temperature of 160 degrees below zero cost another \$800 million. The port built alongside the plant has cost another \$200 million, and there are further costs on housing, communications and other facilities at Bintulu, a small township on the Borneo island.

Without doubt, the earnings from gas sales will be large enough in an overall sense to recoup the investment and yield a profit on top of it. Otherwise, Shell and Mitsubishi would not have staked their money on the project in which each holds 35 percent of the equity. Besides, Shell has invested some

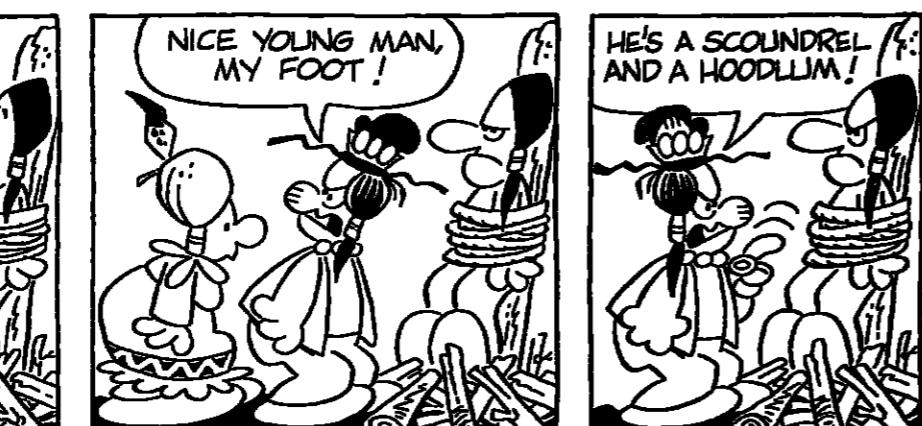
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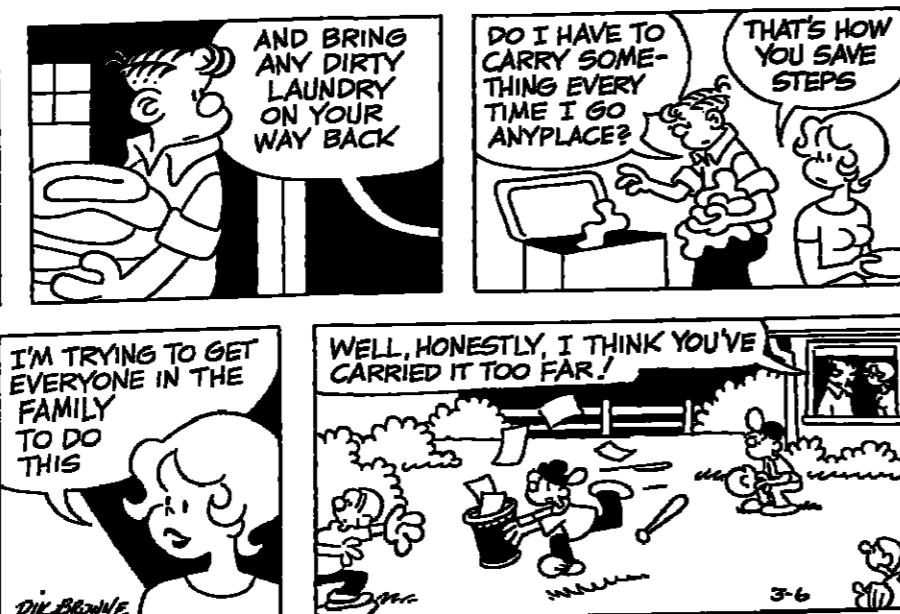
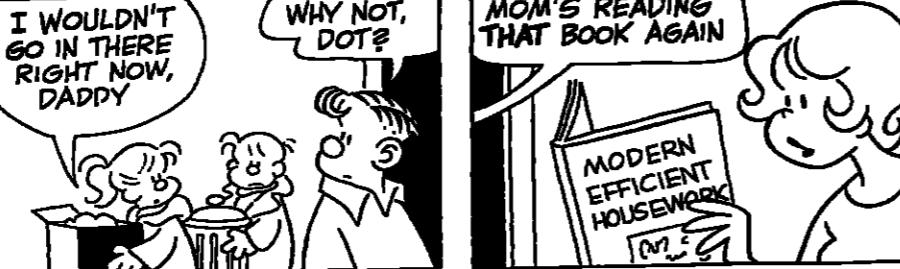
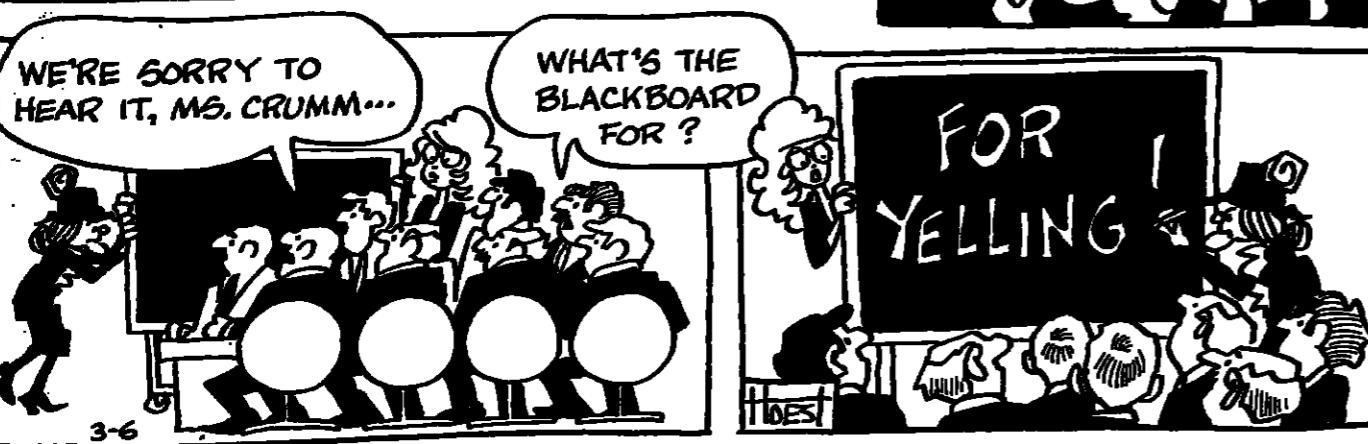


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Frances Drake

FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 1983



ARIES

(Mar. 21 to April 19)

You may receive faulty advice about a financial matter. Travel may be more costly than anticipated. Others have ulterior motives.

TAURUS

(Apr. 20 to May 20)

Deceptive trends affect financial interests. The answer to a work problem is slow in coming. Be low-key and downplay ego.

GEMINI

(May 21 to June 20)

Not everyone you meet today is aboveboard. You may not see a romantic situation clearly. A private chat with a friend is helpful.

CANCER

(June 21 to July 22)

Someone could take advantage of you in the name of friendship on the job. Social life has more downs than ups.

LEO

(July 23 to Aug. 22)

Business and romance do not combine favorably. Do nothing to arouse gossip. Meet with advisers about business interests.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

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LIBRA

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Warsaw marchers dispersed

Mrs. Walesa evades police interrogation

GDANSK, April 14 (Agencies) — Danuta Walesa, wife of Solidarity leader Lech Walesa, said Thursday she refused during two-and-a-half-hours of police interrogation to answer questions about her husband's activities.

"I was asked about the communiqué for the foreign press, but I said I knew nothing about it," she told Western reporters outside the provincial police headquarters in Gdansk after boarding the family's white Volkswagen microbus.

She also said she told the interrogators she did not know where her husband had been for three days last weekend, adding: "They searched me before the questioning like they did my husband Wednesday." On Tuesday Mrs. Walesa read to Western reporters a statement on her husband's first reported meeting with Solidarity's five-man underground leadership last weekend.

Asked whether she had said "I don't know" to every question, Mrs. Walesa replied: "No, we later just had ourselves a little chat...They were very polite the whole time."

Before leaving, Walesa, who had brought his wife to the police headquarters in the microbus, told reporters he would not be available for comment until next Wednesday when he was planning an improvised news conference at his home. The 39-year-old union leader, who Wednesday had refused to answer questions about his meeting with the underground, had instructed his wife to say nothing except to confirm his absence from home last weekend.

BBC chief assails Soviets for jamming radio channels

LONDON, April 14 (Agencies) — Soviet jamming of Western radio broadcasts threatens "chaos" on the international airwaves, the head of British Broadcasting Corp. external services, Douglas Muggeridge, said Thursday.

In the sharpest attack yet by BBC in the growing East-West battle for the airwaves, Muggeridge accused Moscow of a "politically motivated" campaign to wreck international broadcasting. "It is our credibility that is the ultimate affront to the men of the Kremlin," Muggeridge said in an address prepared for a Diplomatic and Commonwealth Writers' Association luncheon. An advanced text was made available to the Associated Press.

The Soviets regularly jam or attempt to jam the BBC's Russian-language service, and for the past three years have been jamming transmissions to Poland and Afghanistan from London, as well as those of the Voice of

Hot line tricky, says Russia

MOSCOW, April 14 (AP) — The Soviet Union said Wednesday that the U.S. administration's proposals for lessening the danger of accidental nuclear war may be aimed at diverting critics' attention.

It also said the superpowers should restore trust, respect and detente if they are sincere about wanting to prevent an accidental nuclear exchange. The U.S. Defense Department has proposed to the Soviet Union four measures to guard against a nuclear war launched by miscalculation or accident. Proposed were a high-speed facsimile transmission link between the Kremlin and the White House, a military communications link between the two nations, high-speed data links between their embassies and consultations in case of terrorist actions involving nuclear material.

Tass said the Soviets always give serious consideration to confidence-building measures, as such proposals are called, and said the Soviet Union and its Warsaw Pact allies have suggested ways to build confidence and

Franco-Soviet ties will improve

BERN, April 14 (AFP) — French President Francois Mitterrand, in his first comment about the expulsion of 47 Soviet citizens from France last week, told Swiss television Wednesday night that his "relations with the Soviet Union will be excellent as soon as each side understands that mutual respect is the best of all international laws."

In an interview on the eve of his official 48-hour visit to Switzerland, Mitterrand said the expulsions were not at all "an act of hostility toward the country involved. I will leave nothing undone on behalf of Franco-Soviet friendship," Mitterrand said. "I will not overlook the basic element of any honest and lasting friendship which is respect for self and for the other."

Asked about the general direction of his foreign policy, Mitterrand said that labeling it "Atlanticist" (biased toward the Atlantic Alliance) was "totally excessive. We are a member of the Atlantic Alliance, good and loyal partners of the alliance, no more, no less... and to speak of an Atlanticist emphasis is not precise," he said.

"I have not cooled France's relations with the USSR," Mitterrand said. "I have only taken clear positions" on the imbalance of Europe's military strength vis-a-vis the Soviet Union's. By the same token, "when



GOES SHOPPING: An elderly lady who wants to go shopping is carried by a West German firefighter from her house in Bonn to a boat Wednesday. Many roads near the River Rhine were flooded and people could reach their homes only by boat.

Swollen Rhine recedes

BONN, April 14 (R) — Flood waters from the rain-swollen Rhine River began to recede Thursday but officials said it would take weeks to repair damage in Cologne, Bonn and other Rhineland towns.

Much of the historic old center of Cologne was still under water, swamping restaurants and other establishments, causing a third day of traffic havoc. Police in Cologne had to set up roadblocks to keep away thousands of sightseers, pressing for a glimpse of the worst floods in 13 years, who were hampering relief workers.

As the floods receded in Bonn, murky water still swashed around the entrances to the Bundestag (parliament) building and in one low-lying part of the capital postmen delivered the mail by boat Thursday.

Flooding also receded in eastern France Thursday after five days of widespread inundation in which 12 persons were reported to have died. But officials said the situation was still worrying east of Paris in 47 languages.

In another development, the Soviet Union Wednesday accused the Western press of intentionally presenting a false image of the Third World by ignoring "undesirable facts" and exaggerating "real and imagined" difficulties, the Tass news agency reported.

ITALIAN TERROR GROUP GIVES UP

BOLOGNA, Italy, April 14 (R) — Italy's leftist Prima Linea (front line) guerrilla group, once the most powerful group after the Red Brigades, has abandoned its armed struggle against the state, one of its leaders

2 Mafia bosses among 7 shot dead in Sicily

PALERMO, Sicily, April 14 (R) — Gunmen shot dead seven men, including two Mafia bosses, in Sicily Wednesday, renewing a pattern of killing which has already resulted in five deaths this week, police said.

Roadblocks were set up on the outskirts of Sicilian towns Wednesday after the flare-up of violence which police have attributed to a bitter struggle between some of the island's Mafia families. Tuesday night, police found the bullet-riddled body of Venero Coco who was shot by gunmen on a motorcycle as he drove a horse-drawn cart down a country lane about 30 kms from Catania.

Earlier, gunmen in the nearby town of Gela murdered Angelo Emmanuelo, a prominent local Mafia boss, and critically wounded one of his henchmen, Alfonso Ficarra. Four other men were killed in the region around Catania in what police described as Mafia-style revenge killings.

In Palermo, a 70-year-old gangland boss, Giuseppe Misuraca, was shot dead in a busy street in the sixth killing in the capital in two days.

U.K. Labor Party support grows

LONDON, April 14 (AP) — Britain's main opposition Labor Party is rapidly catching up in popularity with the ruling Conservative party, a Gallup Poll showed Thursday.

The survey taken for *The Daily Telegraph* newspaper was published amid increasing speculation that Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher will call a general election in June, a year early. The poll showed the Conservative lead over Labor down to 5.5 points, compared with 11 points a month ago.

The Tories retained their unbroken year-long lead, however, with a winning 40.5 percent of the vote, compared with 35 percent for Labor. Support for the centrist alliance of Social Democratic and Liberal parties slumped to 22.5 percent.

Labor's gain was at the expense of the alliance, falling back after a brief revival to about one-third of the vote in national polls after defeating Labor in a special parliamentary election Feb. 24.

America maintains 64 military bases in U.K.

LONDON, April 14 (AP) — The United States maintains 64 military bases or facilities in Britain according to an official list released Wednesday.

In addition, another 11 airfields have been put at U.S. disposal for use in times of tension or war, the British Defense Ministry list said. It was released in response to questions from reporters. With the American nuclear presence in Britain a hot political issue, the disclosure received prominent news coverage here.

The bases include two for F-111 swing-wing nuclear bombers numbering about 150, and a base for Poseidon C-30 submarines armed with nuclear missiles.

The F-111 bases are at Lakenheath and Upper Heyford, England, and the submarine base is at Holy Loch, Scotland.

In addition, two air bases at Greenham Common and Molesworth, England, will be used for the 160 U.S. Tomahawk Cruise missiles which Britain is accepting under a NATO program between the end of this year and 1988.

As clashes continue

Thai soldier killed in ambush

ARANYAPRATHET, Thailand, April 14 (Agencies) — Thai military officers Wednesday reported two clashes along the tense Thai-Kampuchean border, claiming that at least one Thai soldier was killed in an ambush sprung by Vietnamese along the southeastern stretch of the frontier inside Thailand.

Another clash was reported south of this key Thai border town between Hanoi's troops and the Communist Khmer Rouge, one of three Kampuchean resistance groups that have been pounded and disrupted by a major Vietnamese drive over the past two weeks.

The Thai officers said the ambush of a Thai border patrol took place in Klong Yai district of Trat Prat province near the Gulf of Siam. Thai claims that the ambush took place inside Thailand could not be verified by independent sources.

Fighting along the border has died down in the past few days although most Western and Thai military analysts still anticipate Vietnamese strikes north of this town, where two key bases of the Khmer People's National Liberation Front (KPNLF) are located. The Vietnamese are fighting the Khmer Rouge, the KPNLF and a group loyal to Prince Norodom Sihanouk, who heads a coalition government known as Democratic Kampuchea (Cambodia).

The leadership of the Khmer Rouge, which directed a bloodbath when it ruled Cambodia between 1975-78, is believed to be in the border area. But Sihanouk has remained at his residence in the North Korean capital of Pyongyang throughout the latest crisis, while — somewhat surprisingly — KPNLF leader Son Sann flew off to Paris Tuesday night despite threats of Vietnamese attacks.

The foreign ministers of the three Indochinese countries — Vietnam, Laos and the pro-Hanoi regime in Kampuchea — Wednesday announced that they wished to end the fighting along the frontier and Vietnam said it would stage a partial pullout of its estimated 180,000 troops from Kampuchea next month.

The number of troops to be withdrawn was not given in a communiqué issued by the three at the conclusion of a one-day special

Moscow food store manager held

MOSCOW, April 14 (R) — The manager of Moscow's premier food store, Gastronom No. 1 in Gorki Street, is being held by police on charges of theft and bribery, a Moscow newspaper said Thursday.

A brief notice in *Moskovskaya Pravda* was the first official confirmation of reports which swept Moscow in November that Yuri Sokolov and five of his deputies had been detained as part of a drive against high-level corruption. It said the deputies were facing the same charges.

The newspaper added that the head of a food wholesale organization and five subordinates had also been charged with theft and taking bribes. Sokolov's arrest in early November was seen in Moscow as a signal that the authorities had decided to move

against blatant corruption amongst officials whose seniority had previously protected them from the law.

Gastronom No. 1 is still known as Yeliseiski's after its pre-revolutionary proprietor and retains a chandelier and wood-paneled style from that era.

Soviet sources said Sokolov enjoyed a luxurious lifestyle and maintained a large villa in the country. He was known to enjoy the acquaintance of senior political figures and was therefore considered a secure member of the establishment.



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